

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2012  
**Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

**Question: 7**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Official hospitality

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

I want to go to a couple of questions on notice that we asked around hospitality and catering costs—question on notice no. 174. We asked, in question on notice no. 174—which referred back to question on notice no. 155 from February—about over 50 per cent of the planned departmental hospitality budget being used at the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy's sixth national workshop. That was an amount of \$23,000 for two dinners at that workshop, which was scheduled for 10 and 11 October 2012. Question on notice no. 174 now tells us that it was incorrectly classified as official hospitality. What is it now classified as and where would we find it in the budget?

**Answer:**

The full cost of this workshop was \$130 545. For this event \$17 910 related to official hospitality.

All Australia Animal Welfare Strategy activities are funded from the Administered Appropriation of the same name under Output 1.10.

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**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Official hospitality

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

**Senator COLBECK:** You have given me, as part of question on notice no. 135, your proposed budget for this year which adds up to \$37,100. Your budget for this year, 2012-13, is \$37,100. That is down from a spend last year, to the end of April, of \$82,328.

Can you give me the final spend on official hospitality?

**Dr O'Connell:** Mr Schaeffer is just getting that.

**Mr Schaeffer:** For 2011-12, our official hospitality spend was \$94,681.

**Senator COLBECK:** How did that line up against the budget?

**Mr Schaeffer:** I would have to take that on notice. I do not have the detailed budget with me for 2011-12.

**Senator COLBECK:** Would it have varied much from the current year's budget?

**Mr Schaeffer:** Our current indications are that our budget is slightly above the 2011-12 budget.

**Senator COLBECK:** So you are running ahead of where you were last year on expenditure? How much have you spent so far this year on hospitality?

**Mr Schaeffer:** At the end of September, \$16,494.

**Senator COLBECK:** And that is in line with the spending on an annual basis for previous years?

**Mr Schaeffer:** I would have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

It is expected that official hospitality will be at similar levels to previous years.

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**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Official hospitality

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

**Senator COLBECK:** According to what you have given me, your budget is \$37,100.

**Dr O'Connell:** I think we will have to provide you with the complete picture. We look as if we have got a slight confusion of numbers here.

**Senator COLBECK:** If you did not give me a complete picture—

**Dr O'Connell:** I thought we did.

**Senator COLBECK:** I would expect that you did.

**Dr O'Connell:** That is exactly what I would expect.

**Senator COLBECK:** So DAFF's hospitality?

**Mr Schaeffer:** I would have to check. I think the 37,000 is for the actual known official hospitality events that we are planning, which would be incorporated in the overall envelope of official hospitality.

**Answer:**

The question on notice 135 from Budget Estimates – May 2012 was for official hospitality the department had planned at that point in time. The response was not an indication of the department's budget for 2012–13 official hospitality.

The budget for official hospitality for the 2012–13 financial year is \$174 000.

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**Question: 68**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Grant funding

**Proof Hansard page:** 122-23

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

**Senator COLBECK:** What grant funding programs do you currently have available within the agency?

**Mr Koval:** Within the agency generally—I would have to take that one on notice. I could not put my hand on my heart and run through a list.

**Senator COLBECK:** Can you tell me how many of them currently have grant rounds open for applications?

**Mr Koval:** I would have to have a look at that as well.

**Mr Tucker:** Senator, these would have been able to be answered by our Chief Finance Officer first thing this morning.

**Senator Ludwig:** But that is okay. We are happy to—if you run them off, we will take them on notice.

**Senator COLBECK:** And I am happy to have them on notice. We are short of time and we do not need to take any more time. For those who do not have grant rounds currently open, can you let me know when the next grant round will be open and when the last grant round was?

**Mr Koval:** Okay.

**Answer:**

The table below provides details on grant programs currently available for applications, including grant programs expected to be open for applications in this financial year. Of these, one grant program was open for applications at 15 October 2012.

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| Grant* Program Name   | Round Status  |
|---|---|
| Approved Supply Chain Improvements  | Currently open: Continuously open from February 2012 until 30 April 2013  |
| Carbon Farming Futures - Action on the Ground   | Last round: Closed 8 February 2012<br>Next round: Expected to open in early 2013  |
| Carbon Farming Futures - Extension and Outreach                                       | Last round: Not applicable<br>Next round: Grant round opened 3 November 2012  |
| Carbon Farming Futures - Filling the Research Gap                                     | Last round: Closed 3 February 2012<br>Next round: Expected to open late 2012  |
| Carbon Farming Initiative Communications  | Last round: Targeted grants were offered to NRM organisations in December 2011<br>Next round: Program planning still underway but expect round to be open in mid 2013 |
| Caring for our Country (Phase 2)  | Last round: Not applicable<br>Next round: Program planning still underway but expect rounds to be open in 2012/13 financial year                                      |
| Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | Last round: Closed 18 November 2011<br>Next round: Open 19 October 2012 until 23 November 2012  |

\* 'Grant' is consistent with the definition in the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines.

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**Question: 69**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Grant Funding

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

**Senator COLBECK:** To follow on from a previous question I had asked, to get an update on—I need to find the right terminology because the minister and I have had a couple of arguments about this over a period of time—non-continuing grant programs and their expiry dates.

**Senator Ludwig:** Lapsing programs.

**Senator COLBECK:** Lapsing programs—we know what we mean, Minister, anyway.

**Senator Ludwig:** We do. We will take it on notice.

**Answer:**

Grant programs which lapsed in 2011-12 are set out in the table below.

| <b>Grant* Program Name</b>   | <b>Expiry Date</b> |
|--|--------------------|
| Climate Change Research Program  | 30 June 2012       |
| Community Networks and Capacity Building Program   | 30 June 2012       |
| FarmReady Industry Grants  | 30 June 2012       |
| Live Trade Animal Welfare Partnership Program  | 30 June 2012       |
| Regional Food Producers' Innovation and Productivity Program                               | 30 June 2012       |
| Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement Contractors<br>Voluntary Exit Grants Program | 30 June 2012       |

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**Question:** 76

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Staffing

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

**Answer:**

There are no plans to reduce staffing levels.

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**Question: 77**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic: Making the Public Service more efficient**

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. Please detail how the department/agency will achieve savings over the forward estimates through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 [http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr\\_1982012.html](http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html)).

In addition, please provide the following detail:

2. a) How will reductions in air travel spending be achieved?  
b) What is the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?  
c) What restrictions will be implemented for business flights?  
d) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
3. a) How will the use of external consultants and contractors be reduced?  
b) How will this impact on the Department/agency?  
c) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
4. a) How will the department/agency manage moving recruitment advertising online?  
b) Will all future recruitment advertisement be online only? If not, explain why.  
c) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
5. a) How will printing costs be reduced? Explain if and how the department/agency will reduce its printing costs by five per cent, or if it will not, why not?  
b) How will it be determined what documents will no longer be printed?  
c) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?



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**Answer:**

1. The department will achieve savings over the forward estimates by pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates and reducing expenditure on air travel, external consultants and contractors, printing costs and recruitment advertising.
- 2 a. The department will actively monitor expenditure against budget targets to ensure savings are achieved. Budgets have been set for each division to manage.
- 2.b Reductions in domestic and international air travel is estimated to save \$842 000 each year over the forward estimates.
- 2.c. The department limits business class flights to the following circumstances:
  - SES air travel exceeding 3 hours in duration per flight
  - if a business class fare is less than or equal to the best economy class fare available at the time of booking, or where a complimentary upgrade is offered by the airline, provided this does not result in additional cost to the department
  - where a department official is accompanying the minister or another official/person who travels at a higher class and, for work purposes, is required to maintain contact with that person in order to discuss work matters
  - for occupational health and safety reasons.
- 2.d. As per the response to question 2.b. No separate records are kept for business class travel – only the categorisation of destination (domestic or international).
- 3.a. The department will actively monitor expenditure against budget targets to ensure savings set for each division are achieved.
- 3.b. The department will undertake a mid-year review of the internal budget. The efficiencies in the way the public service operates announced on 25 September will be addressed during this process.
- 3.c. Reductions in consultants and contractors are estimated to save \$944 000 each year over the forward estimates.
- 4.a. The department currently operates in accordance with the Department of Finance and Deregulation's advertising guidelines.
- 4.b. Whilst the majority of recruitment advertising is limited to online activities, there may be exceptional circumstances where press may be considered, for example, when targeting rural or remote, indigenous or highly specific industry candidates. These decisions are made and approved in accordance with current advertising guidelines.

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- 4.c. Reductions in recruitment advertising is estimated to save \$42 000 each year over the forward estimates.
- 5.a. The department will actively monitor expenditure against budget targets to ensure savings set for each division are achieved.
- 5.b. In July 2012 the department completed an examination of its printing and publications operations, and is in the process of implementing a revised contracting strategy for the delivery of print services. The strategy is based on making use of existing cooperative agency procurement arrangements available to the department which, when implemented, will improve value for money outcomes for print services.
- 5.c. Reductions in printing and publishing is estimated to save \$90 000 each year over the forward estimates.

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**Question:** 79

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Printing costs

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

How much was spent on printing 2011-12? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?

How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? How many of these printed documents were also published online?

Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost?

How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?

How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?

**Answer:**

Printing costs (GST Inc.) for 2011–12 are estimated at \$1.55 million. The document component was approximately \$1.02 million.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) does not record information in relation to the printing and publishing of documents down to the requested level of detail.

Documents were delivered to hundreds of locations Australia-wide and overseas. DAFF does not record information in relation to the delivery cost of documents down to the requested level of detail.

Printing costs (GST inc.) year to date (1 July – 30 September 2012) are estimated at \$374 694. The document component is approximately \$221 301.

Please refer to the answer provide above in paragraph two.

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**Question: 84**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic: Hospitality and entertainment**

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?

**Answer:**

1. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's hospitality spend for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 was \$29 125. A table at **Attachment A** provides the date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
2. Expenditure by the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 was:
  - Minister - \$770. A table at **Attachment B** provides the date, location, purpose and cost of the event
  - Parliamentary Secretary - nil.
3. Entertainment expenditure is included in official hospitality and included in the reported amount for question 1.
4. Entertainment expenditure is included in official hospitality and included in the reported amount for question 2.
5. The planned expenditure for hospitality in 2012–13 comes to \$6 832. **Attachment C** provides details of the date, location, purpose and cost of all known events. Please note this is not an indication of the department's budget. The budget for official hospitality for 2012–13 is \$174 000. The information in this response is subject to change.

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6. The offices of the minister and the parliamentary secretary have no planned events involving hospitality in 2012–13. This information is subject to change.
7. Entertainment expenditure is included in official hospitality and included in the reported amount for question 5.
8. Entertainment expenditure is included in official hospitality and included in the reported amount for question 6.
9. The department has planned for an overall reduction of 20 per cent on expenditure for official hospitality.

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## Departmental Official Hospitality - 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Details</b>   | <b>Location</b> | <b>Total Cost<br/>\$ (inc GST)</b> |
|-------------|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 2/07/2012   | Dinner - NRAC  | Canberra        | 565                                |
| 16/07/2012  | Lunch - Korean delegation's.   | Sydney          | 120                                |
| 20/07/2012  | Dinner - the Korean Quarantine and Inspection Agency   | Brisbane        | 900                                |
| 24/07/2012  | Lunch - Delegation from Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development                             | Canberra        | 752                                |
| 7/08/2012   | Dinner - Expert Panel Workshop   | Canberra        | 1 595                              |
| 22/08/2012  | Lunch - USA Delegate - Presenter on Human and Animal Health Risks associated with regional trade in wildlife | Canberra        | 85                                 |
| 2/09/2012   | Dinner - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management   | Sandgate        | 295                                |
| 3/09/2012   | Dinner - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management   | Gympie          | 282                                |
| 3/09/2012   | Breakfast - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management                                      | Gympie          | 102                                |
| 4/09/2012   | Refreshments - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management                                   | Brisbane        | 25                                 |
| 4/09/2012   | Dinner - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management   | Brisbane        | 80                                 |
| 4/09/2012   | Dinner - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management   | Tweed Heads     | 158                                |
| 5/09/2012   | Lunch - Meeting with NZ Ministry for Primary Industries  | Sydney          | 1 220                              |
| 5/09/2012   | Dinner - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management   | Grafton         | 369                                |

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| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Details</b>   | <b>Location</b>    | <b>Total Cost<br/>\$ (inc GST)</b> |
|---------------|--|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 5/09/2012     | Lunch - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management        | Grafton            | 63                                 |
| 8/09/2012     | Dinner - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management       | West Ryde          | 345                                |
| 8/09/2012     | Lunch - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management        | Canberra           | 98                                 |
| 9/09/2012     | Lunch - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management        | Manly              | 149                                |
| 9/09/2012     | Dinner - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management       | Haymarket          | 237                                |
| 10/09/2012    | Lunch - ACACA Delegation From China - Sustainable Forest Management        | West Pennant Hills | 140                                |
| 10/09/2012    | Dinner - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management       | Sydney             | 463                                |
| 11/09/2012    | Dinner - ACACA Delegation from China - Sustainable Forest Management       | Sydney             | 413                                |
| 11-12/09/2012 | A formal and informal dinners hosted for the AAWS 6th Annual Workshop      | Canberra           | 17 910                             |
| 19/09/2012    | Dinner - ACACA Delegation From China - Sustainable Forest Management       | Canberra           | 585                                |
| 26/09/2012    | Japanese business meeting/lunch  | Canberra           | 546                                |
| 24-26/9/2012  | Meals – Australia/Japan dairy talks  | Melbourne          | 131                                |
| 4-5/10/2012   | Lunch - Australia-Indonesia Working Group for Marine Affairs and Fisheries | Fremantle          | 1 497                              |
|               |  | <b>Total</b>       | <b>29 125</b>                      |

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**Ministerial Official Hospitality - 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Details</b>                  | <b>Location</b> | <b>Total Cost<br/>\$ (inc GST)</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 23/07/2012  | Breakfast with R&D Stakeholders | Brisbane        | 770                                |
|             |                                 | <b>Total</b>    | <b>770</b>                         |



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**Departmental Planned Official Hospitality - 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012**

| <b>Date</b>           | <b>Details</b>   | <b>Location</b> | <b>Total Cost<br/>\$ (inc GST)</b> |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 4-5/10/2012           | Australia-Indonesia Working Group for Marine Affairs and Fisheries                                       | Fremantle       | 1 497.00                           |
| 27/11/2012            | Dinner - Delegation from Republic of Korea for bilateral plant quarantine discussions (not yet approved) | Canberra        | 1 100.00                           |
| 28/11/2012            | Lunch - Delegation from Republic of Korea for bilateral plant quarantine discussions (not yet approved)  | Canberra        | 240.00                             |
| 1/02/2013             | Dinner - Filling the Research Gap Expert Panel   | Canberra        | 1 595.00                           |
| 25/03/2013            | Dinner - participants Plant Health Quads meetings  | Sydney          | 1 400.00                           |
| Unable to advise date | CCD Extension and Outreach   | In planning     | 1 000.00                           |
|                       |  | <b>Total</b>    | <b>6 832.00</b>                    |

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**Question: 85**

**Division/Agency:** Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry

**Topic: Official hospitality**

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**Senator Colbeck asked:**

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

**Answer:**

1. The department's hospitality spend for 2011-12 was \$94 681. A table at **Attachment A** provides the date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
2. Expenditure by the minister and parliamentary secretary for 2011-12 was:
  - minister - \$1 225. A table at **Attachment B** provides the date, location, purpose and cost of each event
  - parliamentary secretary – nil.
3. All hospitality expenditure is disclosed in the response to question 1. There is no separate entertainment expenditure.
4. All hospitality expenditure is disclosed in the response to question 2. There is no separate entertainment expenditure.

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## Official Hospitality for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

| Date       | Purpose   | Location   | Total Cost \$<br>(incl GST) |
|------------|---|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1/07/2011  | Lunch – Stakeholder Catering  | Canberra   | 17                          |
| 12/07/2011 | Catering – at a function for the announcement of the 2011-2012 WA Rangelands regional Caring for our Country funding                            | Broome     | 350                         |
| 12/07/2011 | Lunch – meetings with Victorian Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Market Access and Competitiveness Division.                              | Canberra   | 224                         |
| 15/07/2011 | Lunch – Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries   | East Timor | 132                         |
| 19/07/2011 | Dinner – 2011 Government – Poultry Industry Biosecurity Forum   | Sydney     | 5900                        |
| 21/07/2011 | Dinner – Japanese Review of Australian Export Meat Inspection System  | Brisbane   | 930                         |
| 25/07/2011 | Dinner – senior official from Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore   | Canberra   | 205                         |
| 3/08/2011  | 2 Dinners - 120 people at Australian Animal Welfare Strategy 5th National Workshop  | Sydney     | 12 380                      |
| 8/08/2011  | Lunch - Dairy Situation and Outlook Briefing  | Canberra   | 171                         |
| 11/08/2011 | Lunch – discussions with Korean Deputy Minister Kim Jong-jin and accompanying delegation the Australia-Korea Free Trade Agreement negotiations. | Canberra   | 579                         |
| 16/08/2011 | Dinner – Australian Landcare Council  | Canberra   | 1240                        |

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|---------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 16/08/2011    | Lunch - Crawford Fund Conference  | Canberra                                  | 1029                                |
| 16-17/08/2011 | Lunch - Delegation from New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  | Canberra                                  | 90                                  |
| 21/8-3/9/2011 | Various meals – Australia-China Agriculture Cooperation Agreement – Sugarcane Technology visit                  | Sydney, Brisbane, Mackay, Ayr, Townsville | 6352                                |
| 23/08/2011    | Dinner – Special Meeting of the Extended Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna               | Sydney                                    | 8240                                |
| 25/08/2011    | Dinner - Rural R&D Council  | Canberra                                  | 929                                 |
| 28/08/2011    | Dinner – Pest Nematodes Workshop participants   | Thailand                                  | 181                                 |
| 15-16/09/2011 | Dinner, lunches, morning and afternoon teas – Rural Financial Counsellor Chair and Executive Officer Conference | Canberra                                  | 2786                                |
| 9/09/2011     | Lunch - Fertiliser Industry Federation of Australia (FIFA) - Biannual meeting                                   | Sydney                                    | 125                                 |
| 19/09/2011    | Lunch and Dinner – Australia–Taiwan Agricultural working group  | Canberra                                  | 2080                                |
| 20/09/2011    | Dinner - Facilitators and Delegates at the NAQS Risk Area Review (Animal Diseases) Workshop                     | Cairns                                    | 1000                                |
| 27/09/2011    | Morning tea - Korean Delegation visit   | Canberra                                  | 187                                 |
| 11/01/2012    | Winery Tour - Australia-China GI Dialogue   | Canberra                                  | 123                                 |

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|-------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 20/01/2012  | Lunch hosted by DAFF for Professor Komatsu   | Canberra        | 148                                 |
| 1/02/2012   | Australia US Technical Plant Health meeting<br>Bilaterals hosted dinner  | Canberra        | 631                                 |
| 13/02/2012  | Integrated Crop Forecasting Workshop<br>Dinner   | Canberra        | 2760                                |
| 13/02/2012  | Dinner - hosting New Zealand and Australian<br>delegations to the International Organisation<br>of Vine and Wine | Paris, France   | 346                                 |
| 15/02/2012  | Dinner - Forest Health Surveillance Project<br>Proposal Meeting  | Hanoi, Vietnam  | 220                                 |
| 17/02/2012  | Dinner - Australian Landcare Council<br>meeting 51   | Canberra        | 1118                                |
| 19/02/2012  | DAFF Seminar speaker - dinner - build<br>collaborative research with the UNE                                     | Canberra        | 106                                 |
| 28/02/2012  | Dinner - Expert Advisory Panel assessing<br>projects for Filling the Research Gap                                | Canberra        | 962                                 |
| 6/03/2012   | Dinner - Chinese Officials from AQSIQ<br>visiting re: Technical Market Access<br>discussions                     | Melbourne       | 606                                 |
| 7/03/2012   | Dinner Rural Financial Counsellor Chair &<br>Executive Officer Conference  | Canberra        | 1470                                |
| 13/03/2012  | Function - FAO South West Pacific nations at<br>residence of Australian Ambassador to<br>Vietnam                 | Hanoi, Vietnam  | 1627                                |
| 19/03/2012  | Dinner - Rural Financial Counsellor<br>Conference WA   | Joondalup, WA   | 581                                 |

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| 20/03/2012  | Dinner - Visit by Dr Shakeel Bhatti, ITPGRFA, Rome  | Canberra        | 257                                 |
| 21/03/2012  | Lunch - Cotton 4 Delegation and Burkina Faso Minister for Scientific Research and Innovation  | Canberra        | 706                                 |
| 22/03/2012  | Lunch - Meeting between Australian and Indonesian cattle industry representatives   | Jakarta         | 1671                                |
| 26/03/2012  | Dinner - hosting official dinner for the Agricultural Technical Market Experts Group meeting and the Australia - European Community Agreement on Trade in Wine meetings | Canberra        | 1239                                |
| 27/03/2012  | Dinner - Japan Beef Talks Site Visits   | Albury          | 546                                 |
| 28/03/2012  | Lunch - Japan Beef Talks Site Visits  | Wodonga         | 246                                 |
| 1/04/2012   | Luncheon for visiting Japanese delegate   | Canberra        | 48                                  |
| 11/04/2012  | Dinner - to build support for Australia's G20 positions.  | Mexico City     | 209                                 |
| 22/04/2012  | Dinner - Indian Ocean Tuna Commission 16th Session  | Fremantle       | 21 245                              |
| 24/04/2012  | Meeting with MAFF Deputy Director General Mr Hiromichi Matsushima   | Canberra        | 186                                 |
| 30/04/2012  | Entertaining visiting Chilean Gov. Officer, who is here to discuss info needs for Chile to approve export of Tasmanian salmon eggs.                                     | Canberra        | 150                                 |

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|-------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 16/05/2012  | Dinner - Official dinner for JWG and SPS Experts Thai and Australian Officials   | Brisbane             | 3272                                |
| 20/05/2012  | Dinner - Delegation from Indonesia - Plant Product Verification Visit  | Melbourne            | 243                                 |
| 22/05/2012  | Dinner - Delegation from Indonesia - Plant Product Verification Visit  | Mildura              | 326                                 |
| 24/05/2012  | Dinner - World Organisation for Animal Health - progressing issues relating to animal trade/products and international standards | Paris                | 1820                                |
| 24/05/2012  | Dinner - Delegation from Indonesia - Plant Product Verification Visit  | Adelaide             | 245                                 |
| 28/05/2012  | Dinner - private sector participants at APEC   | Kazan, Russia        | 466                                 |
| 30/05/2012  | Lunch - Korea Food and Drug Administration Delegation  | Canberra             | 238                                 |
| 31/05/2012  | Lunch - Korea Food and Drug Administration Delegation  | Sydney               | 158                                 |
| 1/06/2012   | Dinner - ALC met with Landcare community from the Northern Rivers area (NSW)   | Lismore              | 2636                                |
| 6/06/2012   | Dinner - Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee  | Canberra             | 1649                                |
| 7/06/2012   | Working dinner for National Rural Advisory Council members and department officials  | Canberra             | 1030                                |
| 20/06/2012  | APVMA advisory board selection panel   | Canberra             | 270                                 |
|             |  | <b>2011-12 Total</b> | <b>94 681</b>                       |

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**Minister's Official Hospitality for the period of 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Purpose</b>                                      | <b>Location</b>      | <b>Total Cost \$<br/>(incl GST)</b> |
|-------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 12/07/2011  | Afternoon tea - Kimberley beef producers roundtable | Broome               | 1225                                |
|             |   | <b>2011-12 Total</b> | <b>1225</b>                         |



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**Question: 93**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic: Consultancies**

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.

How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

**Answer:**

Information on the value of contracts and consultancies is available on the AusTender website [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).

Whilst DAFF's need to engage a consultant changes throughout the year, there are five planned consultancies for this financial year to date. The subject for each consultancy is listed below:

- Annual review of the National Residue Survey Grain Program;
- Review of Australian Pest Animals Strategy;
- Review of the department's protective security framework;
- Review of the Australian Weeds Strategy; and
- Review of regional plans for National Resource Management (NRM).

These consultancies will be procured in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules. Each consultancy has an estimated value below the open tender threshold and has not been published on the department's Annual Procurement Plan. As the procurement processes are yet to be completed the actual value, duration and name of each consultant is not yet known.

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**Question:** 94

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division  
**Topic:** Consultancies  
**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

How many consultancies were undertaken in 2011-12? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.

**Answer:**

88 consultancy contracts were entered into in 2011–12 with a total value of \$8 009 471. Information on the value of contracts and consultancies is available on the AusTender website [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).

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**Question: 94** (Continued)

| <b>Supplier Name</b>                                 | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Procurement Method</b> | <b>Start Date</b> | <b>End Date</b> | <b>Value (GST inc.)</b> |
|--|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Aquitaine Consulting Pty Ltd                         | Provision of Independent Assurer for Biosecurity Reform and Second Pass Business Case  | Open tender               | 1/9/2011          | 31/1/2012       | \$418 000               |
| Arche Consulting Pty Ltd                             | Review of the Animal Biosecurity Response Reform project.  | Limited tender            | 3/10/2011         | 31/10/2011      | \$24 475                |
| Ashurst Australia                                    | Provision of legal services  | Limited tender            | 3/11/2011         | 30/6/2012       | \$17 600                |
| Ashurst Australia                                    | Provision of legal services.   | Open tender               | 27/2/2012         | 28/3/2012       | \$17 220                |
| Asia Pacific Veterinary Information Services         | Provision of Independent evaluation review of the long-term strategic plan for undertaking networked Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) testing activities within the Laboratories for Emergency Animal Disease Diagnosis and Response (LEADDR) network. | Limited tender            | 14/5/2012         | 31/8/2012       | \$11 220                |
| Asia Pacific Veterinary Information Services Pty Ltd | Preparation of independent advice that will be used as the basis of national policy documents on the use of vaccination in Australia during an Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) emergency.   | Limited tender            | 7/5/2012          | 30/10/2012      | \$18 700                |

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|--|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Australian Continuous Improvement Group Pty Ltd              | Evaluation of a grant funded research program.   | Open tender               | 17/10/2011        | 20/12/2011      | \$45 700                |
| Australian Oilseeds Federation Inc                           | Provision of risk analysis for re-establishment of access of Canola to China.  | Limited tender            | 15/8/2011         | 30/9/2011       | \$22 000                |
| Australian Public Service Commission                         | Career development program   | Limited tender            | 15/6/2012         | 31/12/2012      | \$12 925                |
| Bill Ross and Associates Pty Limited                         | Provision of strategic property and business planning  | Limited tender            | 5/6/2012          | 30/6/2012       | \$154 000               |
| Broadleaf Capital International Pty Ltd                      | Provision of DAFF Gateway Liability Risk Assessment.   | Limited tender            | 21/9/2011         | 30/3/2012       | \$58 080                |
| Broadleaf Capital International Pty Ltd                      | Risk assessment of transmission of foot and mouth disease through milk and milk products.                                    | Limited tender            | 14/5/2012         | 31/8/2012       | \$46 750                |
| BSASP Pty Ltd  | Development of guide and reference for input of damage and field symptoms images into Pest and Disease Image Library (PaDIL) | Limited tender            | 13/12/2011        | 31/5/2012       | \$66 000                |
| Clear Horizon  | Review of the Regional Land care Facilitator Program   | Limited tender            | 21/5/2012         | 30/9/2012       | \$79 943                |
| Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation | Develop and conduct training services for cotton production systems in Africa.   | Limited tender            | 21/10/2011        | 30/6/2012       | \$198 600               |
| Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial                       | Provision of advice outlining nematode threats in northern   | Limited tender            | 20/6/2012         | 20/6/2013       | \$11 000                |

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|--|---|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Research Organisation  | Australia   |                           |                   |                 |                         |
| Cox Inall Communications                                     | Provision of consultancy services to manage and deliver the consultation process for the national food plan green paper         | Open tender               | 4/5/2012          | 30/10/2012      | \$375 000               |
| Cox Inall Communications Pty Limited                         | Development of media strategy and stakeholder review.   | Limited tender            | 30/9/2011         | 11/11/2011      | \$25 642                |
| CPT Global Limited   | Develop and deliver the DAFF ICT Strategic Plan   | Limited tender            | 23/3/2012         | 30/6/2012       | \$79 810                |
| David Williams   | Specialist independent expert advice for the implementation of provisions of the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement. | Limited tender            | 19/9/2011         | 31/12/2011      | \$25 000                |
| Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu                                     | Provision of internal audit services.   | Open tender               | 1/7/2011          | 30/6/2012       | \$999 000               |
| Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu                                     | Provision of internal audits.   | Limited tender            | 12/9/2011         | 18/11/2011      | \$92 000                |
| Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu                                     | Provision of Biosecurity audit services.  | Open tender               | 3/10/2011         | 18/11/2011      | \$28 750                |
| Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu                                     | Provision of audit services   | Limited tender            | 1/6/2012          | 28/9/2012       | \$44 000                |
| Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu                                     | Provision of a fraud risk assessment and a fraud control plan   | Limited tender            | 18/6/2012         | 13/7/2012       | \$28 365                |
| Department of Employment Economic Development And Innovation | Development and delivery of specialist training services.   | Limited tender            | 14/1/2012         | 30/6/2012       | \$44 000                |

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| Dialog Pty Ltd                               | Provision of scoping study for the development of a reporting model for the National Residue Survey information management system. | Open tender               | 1/9/2011          | 31/10/2011      | \$79 844                |
| Dr Robin Vandegraaff                         | Provision of advice on animal welfare.   | Limited tender            | 1/7/2011          | 31/8/2011       | \$70 162                |
| Fisheries Research & Development Corporation | Advice on fisheries harvest strategies to underpin the review of the Commonwealth Fisheries Harvest Strategy                       | Limited tender            | 6/6/2012          | 30/11/2012      | \$75 000                |
| Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited   | Review of literature on the current state of knowledge on the uses of plantation eucalypts   | Limited tender            | 7/6/2012          | 31/7/2012       | \$60 000                |
| Freebody Cogent Pty Ltd                      | Provision of financial management advice.  | Limited tender            | 26/9/2011         | 4/11/2011       | \$19 950                |
| Grains Industry Market Access Forum Limited  | Provision of research project for exports of grains - pest and disease status.   | Limited tender            | 17/8/2011         | 31/12/2011      | \$60 500                |
| Greythorn Pty Ltd                            | Provision of a business analyst to review Plant Export Operations  | Open tender               | 4/6/2012          | 31/8/2012       | \$50 688                |
| Hydros Consulting Pty Ltd                    | Provision of financial analysis of cattle producers as a result of the temporary suspension of live cattle exports to Indonesia.   | Limited tender            | 15/7/2011         | 25/7/2011       | \$50 000                |

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| Iconic Holding Pty Ltd                                      | Review and recommend a best practice solution for the management of the complete publishing process for the production of publications for print and internet.                              | Limited tender            | 24/11/2011        | 24/1/2012       | \$11 000                |
| Instinct & Reason Pty Ltd                                   | Report on existing outreach and extension services in Australian farming and land management communities  | Open tender               | 15/11/2011        | 15/2/2012       | \$115 500               |
| Integrated Pest Management Pty Ltd trading as Bugs for Bugs | Provision of support for tracheal mite diagnostics for bee pest surveillance  | Limited tender            | 5/6/2012          | 31/5/2013       | \$22 000                |
| Jacqueline Schirmer   | Development of methodology for socio-economic profiles for the forest and timber industry as part of the Forrest Wood Products Australia 'Forest product statistics and modelling' project. | Limited tender            | 17/1/2012         | 30/6/2014       | \$55 770                |
| Kalang Consultancy Services Pty Limited                     | Provision of risk analysis for plant exports  | Limited tender            | 8/8/2011          | 27/1/2012       | \$66 000                |
| Kalang Consultancy Services Pty Ltd                         | Provision of risk analysis for plant exports Biosecurity Risk Return Project Phase 2.3.   | Limited tender            | 15/3/2012         | 30/6/2012       | \$10 560                |
| KPMG  | Provision of audit services.  | Limited tender            | 1/9/2011          | 15/10/2011      | \$22 000                |

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| KPMG                                | Provision of compliance audit on the administration and delivery of the Exceptional Circumstances Interest Rate Subsidy program.   | Open tender               | 21/3/2012         | 20/6/2012       | \$57 150                |
| Matthews Pegg Consulting Pty Ltd    | Provide advice as to options available to the Commonwealth to support regional governments and industry to maintain supply and distribution of essential foods to the community in times of crisis | Limited tender            | 3/1/2012          | 30/3/2012       | \$27 400                |
| McMillian Staff Development Pty Ltd | Develop Biosecurity training framework for plant assessment.   | Open tender               | 11/10/2011        | 31/12/2012      | \$599 263               |
| Monash University                   | Specialist independent expert advice for the Basin Plan modelling to investigate the economic impact of the draft Basin Plan on irrigated agriculture in the Murray-Darling Basin.                 | Limited tender            | 1/8/2011          | 30/9/2011       | \$60 000                |
| Museums Board of Victoria           | Services relating to the continuation of the Pests and Disease Image Library to support plant biosecurity  | Limited tender            | 7/6/2012          | 30/12/2012      | \$36 600                |



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|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Myoora Investments Pty Ltd | Provision of review to summarise key documents to determine the outlook for the Australian forest and wood products industry in the next 10 years. | Limited tender            | 14/5/2012         | 24/8/2012       | \$72 355                |
| O & K Hoffmann Pty Ltd     | Specialist independent expert advice for the implementation of provisions of the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement.                    | Limited tender            | 19/9/2011         | 31/12/2011      | \$48 279                |
| Oakton Services Pty Ltd    | Review for Special Appropriations  | Limited tender            | 15/12/2011        | 31/1/2012       | \$29 458                |
| P2E Pty Ltd                | Review Audit Management System.  | Limited tender            | 11/7/2011         | 29/7/2011       | \$26 970                |
| Paul Ferrar                | Provision of strategic review of Pest and Disease Image Library (PaDIL).   | Limited tender            | 26/9/2011         | 15/12/2011      | \$30 000                |
| Peter Reading              | Undertake an independent analysis of market information requirements for the bulk wheat export industry  | Limited tender            | 29/2/2012         | 31/5/2012       | \$35 209                |

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| Pricewaterhouse Coopers | Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) to introduce regulations to manage establishment risk by non-indigenous marine species from biofouling. | Open tender               | 27/7/2011         | 31/5/2012       | \$199 286               |
| Pricewaterhouse Coopers | Provision of risk analysis for plant exports. Biosecurity Risk Return Project - Phase 2.2 - refinement of method.                         | Limited tender            | 15/8/2011         | 31/1/2012       | \$619 367               |
| Pricewaterhouse Coopers | Analysis of tax concessions to primary producers.   | Limited tender            | 19/8/2011         | 23/9/2011       | \$79 990                |
| Pricewaterhouse Coopers | Provision of Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the biosecurity reform implementation plan.  | Open tender               | 15/9/2011         | 21/11/2011      | \$79 900                |
| Pricewaterhouse Coopers | Provision of financial management advice.   | Limited tender            | 19/9/2011         | 31/10/2011      | \$19 495                |
| Pricewaterhouse Coopers | Provision of risk analysis report for plant exports. Biosecurity Risk Return Project - Phase 2.3.   | Open tender               | 1/2/2012          | 6/4/2012        | \$100 639               |
| Pricewaterhouse Coopers | Provision of an audit of the Rural Financial Counselling Services Program.  | Open tender               | 14/3/2012         | 30/6/2012       | \$150 000               |
| Pricewaterhouse Coopers | Provision of risk analysis for plant exports Biosecurity Risk Return Project Phase 2.3.   | Open tender               | 9/4/2012          | 30/6/2012       | \$174 400               |

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|---|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Pulse Australia                                       | Provision of risk assessment review of industry practises in identifying gazetted weed seeds.                                      | Limited tender            | 8/8/2011          | 30/6/2012       | \$55 000                |
| Quark and Associates                                  | Review of employment related matters - Darwin  | Open tender               | 16/11/2011        | 30/5/2012       | \$11 739                |
| Ron Glanville - Biosecurity Advisory Service          | To conduct a strategic review of APLC.   | Limited tender            | 18/11/2011        | 31/12/2012      | \$60 000                |
| Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation | Provision of literature review of post-border weed management.   | Limited tender            | 17/10/2011        | 19/2/2012       | \$135 000               |
| Seafood Services Australia Ltd                        | Develop and implement a communication strategy for the seafood access forum.   | Limited tender            | 1/5/2012          | 30/6/2012       | \$54 670                |
| Shiftwork Solutions Pty Ltd                           | Roster and Shift Review for regional Biosecurity Services  | Limited tender            | 1/12/2011         | 30/6/2012       | \$470 085               |
| SK Young & Associates Pty Ltd                         | Development of Incident Systems Management Training.   | Limited tender            | 22/9/2011         | 31/12/2011      | \$14 850                |
| SMS Management & Technology                           | Provision of data modelling services including creation of a conceptual model, analysis and services of a principal data architect | Open tender               | 1/6/2012          | 22/6/2012       | \$79 200                |

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|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| The Animal Health Service Unit Trust | Conduct of a study to provide information on the structure and stock movement patterns within the Australian pig industry   | Limited tender            | 10/11/2011        | 15/6/2012       | \$60 000                |
| The Animal Health Service Unit Trust | A review of Info Lab-Plus software.   | Limited tender            | 5/12/2011         | 31/1/2012       | \$16 500                |
| The Animal Health Service Unit Trust | Provision of a consultant for the review of Info-Lab-Plus software.   | Limited tender            | 6/3/2012          | 30/6/2012       | \$16 500                |
| The Animal Health Service Unit Trust | Provision of a review of animal health information needs and capabilities 2012.   | Limited tender            | 21/3/2012         | 31/12/2012      | \$83 600                |
| The Australian Bureau of Statistics  | Investigation of the potential for the ABS to provide data from the Agricultural Census and the Population Census for user defined regions to better characterise these regions and use this information in policy development and decision making. | Limited tender            | 8/6/2012          | 15/6/2012       | \$56 900                |
| The Trustee for R Smith Family Trust | Provision of review of procurement operations model.  | Limited tender            | 20/2/2012         | 30/4/2012       | \$40 810                |

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|--|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| The Trustee for Schofield Family Trust | Provision of independent verification audits of live animal import and post-entry animal quarantine instructional material and to assess compliance, identify gaps and advise on corrective actions. | Limited tender            | 30/1/2012         | 30/4/2012       | \$60 192                |
| The Trustee for the S T Unit Trust     | Provision of engineering advice.   | Limited tender            | 20/2/2012         | 30/5/2012       | \$79 023                |
| The University of New England          | Provision of report assessing community vulnerability changes in employment in carbon intensive industries   | Limited tender            | 1/8/2011          | 30/9/2011       | \$16 000                |
| The University of New England          | Refining community vulnerability across the Murray-Darling Basin.  | Limited tender            | 1/8/2011          | 30/9/2011       | \$13 200                |
| The University of Queensland           | Provision of specialist expertise for plant health diagnostics and formal needs of the Australian Qualifications Framework.  | Limited tender            | 16/4/2012         | 14/6/2012       | \$33 000                |
| The When Bee Foundation Limited        | Development and delivery of training for diagnostics of pest bees and bee pest.  | Limited tender            | 11/4/2012         | 14/6/2012       | \$27 500                |

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|----------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Tim James Harding    | Regulation Impact Statement for Assessment, Registration and Control of Use of Agricultural and Veterinary chemicals.  | Limited tender            | 1/7/2011          | 30/11/2011      | \$54 949                |
| Trevor Maxwell Ellis | For provision of a report on the Indonesian Animal Health Laboratory Network Review.   | Limited tender            | 2/3/2012          | 30/12/2012      | \$55 000                |
| UniQuest Pty Limited | Run computer simulations using Risk and Sustainable Management Group (RSMG) programme to investigate the economic impact of the draft Basin Plan on irrigated agriculture in the Murray-Darling Basin. | Limited tender            | 5/7/2011          | 18/7/2011       | \$51 700                |
|                      |  |                           |                   | <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$8 009 471</b>      |

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**Question: 99**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Staff Amenities

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.

**Answer:**

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry provides some or all of the following amenities to staff:

- Toilets, change rooms and showers/shower curtains
- Break Out areas and kitchens/utensils/microwaves/bins/fridge
- Prayer Room
- First Aid Room
- Carers or Family Room
- Bike Racks
- Lockers
- Outdoor facilities in some locations including chairs and tables
- Fitness area including equipment
- Limited access to holiday child care
- Limited parking

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**Question:** 100

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Coffee Machines

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.

Why were coffee machines purchased?

Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?

Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in 2011-12 and how much this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken Where does the funding for maintenance come from?

**Answer:**

During the 2011–12 financial year the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry purchased the following two coffee machines for staff use:

|                     |   |   |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Type                | Cosmorex – Jura x590  | De’Longhi Nespresso Lattissima Plus Model EN520.W   |
| Cost                | \$3500 (inc GST)  | \$598 (inc GST)   |
| Ongoing costs       | Coffee beans at \$32.07 per packet  | Nil   |
| Purchase date       | June 2012   | 25 November 2011  |
| Reason for purchase | The machine replaces a previous machine that no longer worked   | The Darwin Regional Office is located some distance from commercial beverage outlets. The coffee machine was purchased to provide adequate amenities to clients/key stakeholders and staff. |
| Funding source      | Divisional budget   | Divisional budget   |
| Maintenance         | Divisional staff maintains the machine on a daily basis. There was no paid service maintenance undertaken during the 2011-12 financial year and there has been no paid service maintenance undertaken in this financial year to date. | The maintenance and purchase of coffee is provided by the Darwin staff social club.   |



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**Question:** 101

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Contractors

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

For this financial year to date:

- Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications ? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details and the cost).
- What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken).

**Answer:**

For this financial year to date, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has not employed any of the providers identified in the question.

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**Question:** 101 (continued)

All contracts let by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry with a value of \$10 000 or more are published on the Australian Government business opportunities website, AusTender ([www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)).

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**Question:** 102

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Contractors

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

For 2011-12:

- Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details and the cost).
- What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken).

**Answer:**

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry did not employ any of the providers identified in the question during the 2011–12 financial year.

All contracts let by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry with a value of \$10 000 or more are published on the Australian Government business opportunities website, AusTender ([www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)).

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**Question: 103**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Grants

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
2. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.

**Answer:**

1. A list of all grants, including ad hoc and on-off grants since 1 January 2009 is available on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry website at [www.daff.gov.au/about/obligations/grants-reporting-requirements](http://www.daff.gov.au/about/obligations/grants-reporting-requirements). The published information includes the name of the recipient, the amount, the intended purpose of the grant and the locations that will benefit from the grant.
2. No. Six grants were published on the website after the seven day timeframe.

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**Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

**Question:** 104

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Grants

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for 2011-12? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
2. Were all grant agreement details published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.

**Answer:**

1. A list of all grants, including ad hoc and on-off grants since 1 January 2009 is available on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry website at [www.daff.gov.au/about/obligations/grants-reporting-requirements](http://www.daff.gov.au/about/obligations/grants-reporting-requirements). The published information includes the name of the recipient, the amount, the intended purpose of the grant and the locations that will benefit from the grant.
2. 22 grants were published on the website after the seven day timeframe.

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**Question:** 107

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Government Payments of Accounts

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?

- a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.)
- b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?
- c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

**Answer:**

**The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF):**

DAFF has made payments to contractors/consultants up to 30 September 2012 in this financial year. Refer to the below table for the timing of payments.

| <b>DAFF</b> | <b>2012-13</b> |
|-------------|----------------|
| 30 days     | 88.33%         |
| 31-44 days  | 4.52%          |
| 45-60 days  | 3.08%          |
| 60+ days    | 4.07%          |

- a) Reasons for delay in payments include: invoice disputes, incorrect invoices, invalid ABNs and missing supplier information.
- b) No interest has been paid on overdue amounts for this financial year.
- c) N/A.

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**Question:** 107 (continued)

**Portfolio Agencies:**

The majority of DAFF agencies are governed under the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act (1997) and as such each agency has its own financial management policy. Payments are made in accordance with those policies which closely align with the 30 day payment government policy.

Agencies in the DAFF portfolio have made payments to contractors/consultants up to 30 September 2012 in this financial year. Refer to the below table for the timing of payments.

|                |            |      |
|----------------|------------|------|
| AFMA           | 30 days    | 96%  |
|                | 31-44 days | 2%   |
|                | 45-60 days | 1%   |
|                | 60+ days   | 1%   |
| APVMA          | 30 days    | 93%  |
|                | 31-44 days | 7%   |
|                | 45-60 days | 0%   |
|                | 60+ days   | 0%   |
| CDRC           | 30 Days    | 100% |
| FRDC           | 30 Days    | 100% |
| GWRDC          | 30 Days    | 100% |
| WEA            | 30 Days    | 100% |
| Wine Australia | 30 Days    | 100% |
| SRDC           | 30 Days    | 100% |
| RIRDC          | 30 Days    | 100% |

- a) Reasons for delay in payments include: invoice disputes, incorrect invoices, invalid ABNs, missing supplier information and delays in receiving invoices from suppliers due to incorrect billing information.
- b) No interest has been paid on overdue amounts for this financial year.
- c) N/A.

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**Question:** 108

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Government Payments of Accounts

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

For 2011-12, did the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?

- a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.)
- b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, was interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?
- c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?
- d) Have all accounts from 2011-12 been paid? If no, why not?

**Answer:**

**The department:**

The department has made payments to contractors/consultants in the 2011-12 financial year. Refer to the below table for the timing of payments.

| <b>DAFF</b> | <b>2011-12</b> |
|-------------|----------------|
| 30 days     | 91.32%         |
| 31-44 days  | 3.53%          |
| 45-60 days  | 1.94%          |
| 60+ days    | 3.21%          |

- a) Reasons for delay in payments include: invoice disputes, incorrect invoices, invalid ABNs and missing supplier information.
- b) No interest has been paid.
- c) N/A
- d) All accounts from 2011-12 have been paid.



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**Question:** 108 (continued)

**Portfolio Agencies:**

The majority of DAFF agencies are governed under the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act (1997)* and as such each agency has its own financial management policy. Payments are made in accordance with those policies which closely align with the government's 30 day payment policy.

All agencies in the DAFF portfolio have made payments to contractors/consultants in the 2011-12 financial year. Refer to the below table for the timing of payments.

|                |            |      |
|----------------|------------|------|
| AFMA           | 30 days    | 92%  |
|                | 31-44 days | 4%   |
|                | 45-60 days | 2%   |
|                | 60+ days   | 2%   |
| APVMA          | 30 days    | 97%  |
|                | 31-44 days | 1%   |
|                | 45-60 days | 0%   |
|                | 60+ days   | 2%   |
| CDRC           | 30 Days    | 100% |
| FRDC           | 30 Days    | 100% |
| GWRDC          | 30 Days    | 100% |
| WEA            | 30 Days    | 100% |
| Wine Australia | 30 Days    | 100% |
| SRDC           | 30 Days    | 100% |
| RIRDC          | 30 Days    | 100% |

- a) Reasons for delay in payments include: invoice disputes, incorrect invoices, invalid ABNs, missing supplier information, and delays in receiving invoices from suppliers due to incorrect billing information.
- b) No interest has been paid on overdue amounts for this financial year.
- c) No interest has been paid.
- d) SRDC has one invoice outstanding from the 2011-12 financial year from the Australian National Audit Office as this invoice has not been received to date. For all other agencies, all accounts for 2011-12 have been paid.

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**Question: 111**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic: Media Subscriptions**

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)

- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
- What is the cost for this financial year to date?

Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)

- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
- What is the cost for this financial year to date?

Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)

- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
- What is the cost for this financial year to date?

What was the 2011-12 cost for:

- TV subscriptions
- Newspaper subscriptions
- Magazine subscriptions

Does the department/agency provide any media subscriptions to its Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries? If yes, provide details of what is provided and the cost this financial year to date and for 2011-12.

**Answer:**

There have been no changes to the department's pay TV subscriptions. The cost for this financial year to date is \$8 815.

There have been no changes to the department's newspaper subscriptions, however two newspapers have not been included in the list previously provided in response to this question, being the NT News and the Cairns Post. The cost for these newspaper subscriptions was included in the figures previously provided and in the current year to date costs. The cost for this financial year to date is \$18 012.

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There have been no changes to the department's magazine subscriptions, however a number of subscriptions have not been included in the list previously provided in response to this question. The cost for these subscriptions was included in the figures previously provided and in the current year to date costs.

| Magazine                                  | Reason for subscription                                 |
|---|---|
| Meat and livestock weekly                 | Business related information / professional development |
| Profarmer Wool Bulletin                   | Business related information / professional development |
| Daily Dairy Report                        | Business related information / professional development |
| Fibre 2 fashion                           | Business related information / professional development |
| Gardening Australia                       | Business related information / professional development |
| Horticultural Journal                     | Business related information / professional development |
| Green World                               | Business related information / professional development |
| American Society of Horticultural Science | Business related information / professional development |

The cost for this financial year to date is \$11 430.

The 2011-12 cost for:

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| TV subscriptions was:        | \$24 731  |
| Newspaper subscriptions was: | \$77 310  |
| Magazine subscriptions was:  | \$209 926 |

The department provides the following media subscriptions to its Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries?

**Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

| Location          | Newspaper               |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Parliament House  | Time                    |
|                   | The Age                 |
|                   | Canberra Times          |
|                   | The Economist           |
|                   | Australian Farm Journal |
|                   | Farm Weekly             |
|                   | Melbourne Herald Sun    |
|                   | Stock Journal           |
|                   | Stock and Land          |
|                   | Sydney Morning Herald   |
|                   | Daily Telegraph         |
|                   | The Land                |
|                   | Weekly Times            |
| Electorate Office | Courier Mail            |
|                   | The Australian          |

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| <b>Location</b> | <b>Newspaper</b>                                |
|-----------------|---|
|                 | Australian Financial Review<br>Qld Country Life |

The cost of these newspapers for the financial year to 30 September 2012 is approximately \$2 304.00. The cost for 2011-2012 was approximately \$6 481.00.

**Office of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

| <b>Location</b>   | <b>Newspaper</b>  |
|-------------------|---|
| Parliament House  | Weekly Times<br>The Land<br>The Age<br>The Australian<br>Australian Financial Review<br>Sydney Morning Herald<br>Canberra Times |
| Electorate Office | Stock and Land<br>The Weekly Times<br>The Land<br>Tasmanian Country   |

The cost of these newspapers for the financial year to 30 September 2012 is approximately \$600.00. The cost for 2011-2012 was approximately \$1138.00.

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**Question:** 112

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Travel Costs

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
3. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.
4. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.
5. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.

**Answer:**

1. Table 1 outlines travel details for departmental officers accompanying the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary.

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**Table 1** – Travel activities and associated costs (GST Inc.) incurred by departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary in financial year to date (1 July 2012 – 30 September 2012)

| <b>Minister Ludwig</b> |                            |  |   |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Date</b>            | <b>Location</b>            | <b>Accompanying departmental officer costs (GST Inc.)</b>  | <b>Purpose</b>  |
| 10 July 2012           | Ipswich<br>Queensland      | One departmental officer accompanied the Minister.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares: \$587 (economy)</li> <li>• Accommodation: \$269</li> <li>• Allowances: \$126</li> <li>• COMCAR \$104</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$1086</b>   | Attended the Community Cabinet meeting at Redbank Plains State High School. |
| 17 July 2012           | Sydney New<br>South Wales  | One departmental officer/s accompanied the Minister.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares: \$257 (economy)</li> <li>• Accommodation: \$169</li> <li>• Allowances: \$224</li> <li>• COMCAR \$217</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$867</b>  | Launched the national food plan.  |
| 5 September 2012       | Perth Western<br>Australia | One departmental officer accompanied the Minister.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares: \$3,355 (business)</li> <li>• Accommodation: \$339</li> <li>• Allowances: \$205</li> <li>• Taxis \$268</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$4167</b> | Attended the Community Cabinet meeting in Perth.                            |

No Departmental officers have accompanied Parliamentary Secretary Sidebottom for the year to date period (1 July to 30 September 2012).

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2. To provide the information requested by individual trip would take a considerable amount of time and result in an answer that would be hundreds of pages long. That approach is not considered to be an appropriate allocation of resources.
3. Yes, compliance with the policies is enforced through the department's travel management provider arrangements. The department follows the advice in accordance with the current circulars. The department monitors compliance by reviewing monthly reports provided by the department's travel management provider. There have been no reports of instances where the guidelines are not being followed. The department notes that Finance Circular 2012/05 "Best Fare of the Day for International Official Air Travel" replaced Finance Circular 2009/11 effective 1 October 2012.
4. Yes, in some cases airline lounge memberships are provided to departmental employees. Lounge memberships for Qantas and Virgin Australia have been purchased for 266 employees across a broad range of classifications. The department's policy on airline lounge memberships is that access should be on the basis of need and is a value for money consideration, independent of booking travel. The total cost of airline lounge memberships for the financial year to date (as at 30 September 2012) is \$18 354 (GST Inc.).
5. No, support staff do not travel with SES when they travel.

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**Question:** 113

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Travel Costs

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. For 2011-12, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
2. For 2011-12, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).

**Answer:**

1. Table 1 outlines travel details for departmental officers accompanying the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary.

**Table 1** – Travel activities and associated costs incurred by departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary in financial year 2011-2012.

| <b>Minister Ludwig</b> |                 |  |                          |
|------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>            | <b>Location</b> | <b>Accompanying departmental officer costs (GST Inc.)</b>  | <b>Purpose</b>           |
| 12-14 July 2011        | Broome, WA      | One departmental officer accompanied the Minister.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares: \$2113 (Business)</li> <li>• Accommodation: \$762</li> <li>• Allowances: \$390</li> <li>• COMCAR \$412</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$3677</b> | Portfolio related travel |



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| <b>Minister Ludwig</b> |                            |  |                          |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>            | <b>Location</b>            | <b>Accompanying departmental officer costs (GST Inc.)</b>  | <b>Purpose</b>           |
| 1 September 2011       | Yeronga, QLD               | One departmental officer accompanied the Minister.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares: \$311 (economy)</li> <li>• Accommodation: \$240</li> <li>• Allowances: \$151</li> <li>• COMCAR \$313</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$1015</b> | Portfolio related travel |
| 3-4 October 2011       | Kingston (Hobart), TAS     | One departmental officer accompanied the Minister.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares: \$808 (economy)</li> <li>• Accommodation: \$169</li> <li>• Allowances: \$162</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$1139</b>                         | Portfolio related travel |
| 10 November 2011       | Lockyer Valley, QLD        | One departmental officer accompanied the Minister.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares: \$547 (economy)</li> <li>• Allowances: \$236</li> <li>• Car Hire: \$100</li> <li>• Taxis: \$56</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$939</b>        | Portfolio related travel |
| 28-29 November 2011    | Mildura and surrounds, VIC | One departmental officer accompanied the Minister.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares: \$982 (economy)</li> <li>• Accommodation: \$135</li> <li>• Food: \$176</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$1293</b>                               | Portfolio related travel |

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| <b>Minister Ludwig</b>           |   |  |                          |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>                      | <b>Location</b>   | <b>Accompanying departmental officer costs (GST Inc.)</b>  | <b>Purpose</b>           |
| 7-14<br>December<br>2011         | North Asia:<br>China, Japan<br>and the Republic<br>of Korea | Two departmental officers and two officers from posts accompanied the Minister.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares and car hire: \$26 078 (First Class/Business/Economy)</li> <li>• Accommodation: \$5208</li> <li>• Meals and incidentals: \$768</li> <li>• Meeting rooms, hospitality and interpreters: \$22 125</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$54 179</b>            | Portfolio related travel |
| 26 January-3<br>February<br>2012 | Middle East   | Two departmental officers and one officer from post accompanied the Minister.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares: \$35 616. (Business/Economy)</li> <li>• Accommodation: \$3716</li> <li>• Meals and incidentals: \$2568</li> <li>• Meeting rooms, hospitality and interpreters: \$2014</li> <li>• COMCAR: \$425</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$44 339</b>              | Portfolio related travel |
| 20-23 March<br>2012              | Indonesia   | Two departmental officers accompanied the Minister.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares: DAFF officers travelled to Jakarta with the Minister on a VIP plane (no cost to the department)</li> <li>• Accommodation: \$1120</li> <li>• Meals and incidentals: \$253</li> <li>• Meeting rooms, hospitality and interpreters: \$1700</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$3073</b> | Portfolio related travel |

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| <b>Parliamentary Secretaries</b>  |                 |   |                          |
|---|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Location</b> | <b>Accompanying departmental officer costs (GST Inc.)</b>   | <b>Purpose</b>           |
| <b>Parliamentary Secretary Kelly</b> (moved from the portfolio in December 2011) 2011-12 financial period (1 July to December 2011) |                 |   |                          |
| 17-23 July 2011   | Samoa           | Two departmental officers accompanied the Parliamentary Secretary.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares: \$4563 (Business/Economy)</li> <li>• Accommodation: \$1050</li> <li>• Meals: \$1050</li> <li>• COMCAR \$217</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$6880</b> | Portfolio related travel |
| 18 November 2011  | Bega, NSW       | Two departmental officers accompanied the Parliamentary Secretary.<br>No costs were incurred by the department.   | Portfolio related travel |
| <b>Parliamentary Secretary Sidebottom</b> (appointed in December 2011) 2011-12 financial period (December 2011 to 30 June 2012)     |                 |   |                          |
| 11-13 June 2012   | Brisbane        | One departmental officer accompanied the Parliamentary Secretary.<br>Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfares: \$404 (Economy)</li> <li>• Accommodation: \$398</li> <li>• Allowances: \$244</li> <li>• COMCAR/Taxi: \$111</li> </ul> <b>Total: \$1157</b>   | Portfolio related travel |

2. To provide the information requested by individual trip would take a considerable amount of time and result in an answer that would be hundreds of pages long. That approach is not considered to be an appropriate allocation of resources.

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**Question:** 114

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Legal

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

**Answer:**

1. The table below identifies the costs (excluding GST) that each portfolio department and agency spent on legal services in financial year 2011-12. Attachment A provides a breakdown of the services and their cost.

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| <b>Portfolio department or agency</b>                            | <b>Spend</b>   |
|--|----------------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)         | \$3 642 953.00 |
| Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA)                 | \$1 254 767.26 |
| Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) | \$1 216 123.64 |
| Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC)               | \$202 731.00   |
| Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation (GWRDC)      | \$9 426.00     |
| Wine Australia Corporation (WAC)                                 | \$44 670.92    |
| Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC)    | \$94 630.11    |
| Sugar Research and Development Corporation (SRDC)                | \$9911.00      |
| Wheat Exports Australia (WEA)                                    | \$57 991.98    |
| Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC)            | \$96 006.89    |
| Cotton Research & Development Corporation (CRDC)                 | \$13 963.59    |

2. The table below identifies the costs (excluding GST) that each portfolio department and agency spent on legal services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor in financial year 2011-12. Attachment **B** provides a breakdown of the services and their cost.

| <b>Portfolio department or agency</b> | <b>Spend</b>   |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| DAFF                                  | \$2 818 162.60 |
| AFMA                                  | \$401 729.74   |
| APVMA                                 | \$19 231.82    |
| WEA                                   | \$57 991.98    |

3. The table below identifies the costs (excluding GST) that each portfolio department and agency spent on legal services provided by Private Firms in financial year 2011-12. Attachment **C** provides a breakdown of the services and their cost.

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| <b>Portfolio department or agency</b> | <b>Spend</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| DAFF                                  | \$718 889.34 |
| APVMA                                 | \$258 474.55 |
| GRDC                                  | \$202 731.00 |
| GWRDC                                 | \$9426.00    |
| WAC                                   | \$44 670.92  |
| RIRDC                                 | \$92 492.78  |
| SRDC                                  | \$9911.00    |
| FRDC                                  | \$96 006.89  |
| CRDC                                  | \$13 963.59  |

4. The table below identifies the costs (excluding GST) that each portfolio department and agency spent on legal services by Other Sources in financial year 2011-12. Attachment **D** provides a breakdown of the services and their cost.

| <b>Portfolio department or agency</b> | <b>Spend</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| DAFF                                  | \$105 901.06 |
| AFMA                                  | \$853 037.52 |
| APVMA                                 | \$938 417.27 |
| RIRDC                                 | \$2137.33    |

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**ATTACHMENT A TO QUESTION ON NOTICE 114 SENATE ESTIMATES OCTOBER 2012**

**LIST OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO PORTFOLIO DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2011-12**

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>                                | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|---|------------------------------|
| DAFF                                   | Australian Government Solicitor        | Advocacy                                      | \$5017.90                    |
|  |  | Billing file                                  | \$61 215.00                  |
|  |  | Building and construction contracts           | \$22 572.00                  |
|  |  | Cabinet submissions                           | \$14 520.00                  |
|  |  | Civil procedure advice                        | \$4026.00                    |
|  |  | Civil regulation advice                       | \$167 890.00                 |
|  |  | Communications                                | \$11 187.00                  |
|  |  | Communications advice                         | \$594.00                     |
|  |  | Confidentiality and protection of information | \$1122.00                    |
|  |  | Constitutional advice                         | \$139 043.50                 |
|  |  | Consultancy agreements                        | \$39 288.50                  |
|  |  | Criminal law advice                           | \$10 000                     |
|  |  | Criminal law dispute                          | \$2072.00                    |

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|--|--|--|--------------|
|  |  | Debt recovery action                                   | \$25 223.59  |
|  |  | Debt recovery advice                                   | \$11 675.50  |
|  |  | Disposals and acquisitions of property                 | \$6171.00    |
|  |  | Employment and Work Relations advice-not recons        | \$573 750.22 |
|  |  | Employment and Work Relations dispute not workers comp | \$66 983.90  |
|  |  | Enforcement statute and civil regulation               | \$528.00     |
|  |  | Environment advice                                     | \$31 326.75  |
|  |  | Environment dispute                                    | \$3993.00    |
|  |  | Financial law advice                                   | \$12 688.50  |
|  |  | Grants and funding agreements                          | \$126 483.50 |
|  |  | Indigenous legal issues                                | \$3696.00    |
|  |  | Information technology                                 | \$53 147.00  |
|  |  | Insurance/indemnities/guarantees                       | \$3564.00    |
|  |  | Intellectual property                                  | \$13 251.00  |



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|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|
|  |  | Intergovernmental agreements        | \$8514.00    |
|  |  | International law advice            | \$2020.00    |
|  |  | Internet related matters            | \$495.00     |
|  |  | Leases/licences/land use agreements | \$117 709.50 |
|  |  | Legislation/policy development      | \$168 185.50 |
|  |  | Legislative drafting                | \$24 486.00  |
|  |  | Machinery of government advice      | \$15 081.00  |
|  |  | Other admin law action              | \$36 926.00  |
|  |  | Other admin law advice              | \$46 197.50  |
|  |  | Other agreements                    | \$58 336.50  |
|  |  | Other commercial dispute            | \$43 449.41  |
|  |  | Contract administrative costs       | \$263 636.37 |
|  |  | Other services                      | \$35 815.00  |
|  |  | Other torts dispute                 | \$3267.00    |
|  |  | Probity                             | \$14 586.00  |
|  |  | Procurement of goods - other        | \$6501.00    |

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|-------------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------|
|                               |               | Property advice other   | \$3063.00             |
|                               |               | Protection of info advice   | \$123 507.45          |
|                               |               | Protection of info dispute  | \$8070.15             |
|                               |               | Statutory interpretation – other  | \$308401.00           |
|                               |               | Tax, Customs and other revenue advice   | \$3597.00             |
|                               |               | Tax, customs and other revenue dispute  | \$62 923.00           |
|                               |               | Tort advice   | \$37 053.36           |
|                               |               | Training for clients  | \$8 415.00            |
|                               |               | Workers' compensation advice  | \$6 897.00            |
|                               |               | <b>Sub-total</b>  | <b>\$2 818 162.60</b> |
| DAFF                          | Private Firms | Professional fees relating to advice, disputes, commercial matters. Briefs to counsel and disbursements | \$718 889.34          |
| DAFF                          | Other Sources | Professional fees relating to briefs to counsel and disbursements                                       | \$105 901.06          |
| <b>DAFF TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> |               |   | <b>\$3 642 953.00</b> |

| Portfolio Department and Agency | AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources | Service | Costs (excluding GST) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|

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| AFMA                          | Australian Government Solicitor | Litigation   | \$364 085.36          |
|                               |                                 | Advice   | \$37 644.38           |
| AFMA                          | Other Sources – Counsel         | Professional fees relating to briefs to counsel and disbursements                                  | \$14 315.00           |
| AFMA                          | In-house Legal Team             | Salary costs   | \$688 545.43          |
|                               |                                 | Office consumables, travel and accommodation costs; workers compensation; professional development | \$13 688.09           |
|                               |                                 | Apportioned rent/lease costs   | \$133 253.55          |
|                               |                                 | Staff training costs   | \$3 235.45            |
| <b>AFMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> |                                 |  | <b>\$1 254 767.26</b> |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>  | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|---|------------------------------|
| APVMA                                  | Australian Government Solicitor        | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements            | \$19 231.82                  |
| APVMA                                  | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements            | \$258 474.55                 |
| APVMA                                  | In-house Legal Team                    | Salary and administrative costs                                   | \$868 960.00                 |
| APVMA                                  | Other Sources – Counsel                | Professional fees relating to briefs to counsel and disbursements | \$9157.27                    |
| APVMA                                  | Other Sources – Consulting Fees        | Professional fees relating to briefs to counsel and disbursements | \$60 300.00                  |
| <b>APVMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>         |  |   | <b>\$1 216 123.64</b>        |

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| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| GRDC                                   | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$202 731.00                 |
| <b>GRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$202 731.00</b>          |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>                           | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| GWRDC                                  | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to consulting | \$9426.00                    |
| <b>GWRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>         |  |  | <b>\$9426.00</b>             |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| WAC                                    | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$44 670.92                  |
| <b>WAC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>           |  |  | <b>\$44 670.92</b>           |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| RIRDC                                  | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$92 492.78                  |
| RIRDC                                  | Other Sources – DAFF                   | Reimbursement of professional fees                     | \$2137.33                    |
| <b>RIRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>         |  |  | <b>\$94 630.11</b>           |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| SRDC                                   | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$9911.00                    |

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| <b>SRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> |  |  | <b>\$9911.00</b> |
|-------------------------------|--|--|------------------|

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| WEA                                    | Australian Government Solicitor        | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$57 991.98                  |
| <b>WEA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>           |  |  | <b>\$57 991.98</b>           |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| FRDC                                   | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$96 006.89                  |
| <b>FRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$96 006.89</b>           |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| CRDC                                   | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$13 963.59                  |
| <b>CRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$13 963.59</b>           |

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**ATTACHMENT B TO QUESTION ON NOTICE 114 SENATE ESTIMATES OCTOBER 2012  
LIST OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR TO PORTFOLIO DEPARTMENT  
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| Portfolio Department and Agency | AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources | Service                                       | Costs (excluding GST) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| DAFF                            | Australian Government Solicitor | Advocacy                                      | \$5017.90             |
|                                 |                                 | Billing file                                  | \$61 215.00           |
|                                 |                                 | Building and construction contracts           | \$22 572.00           |
|                                 |                                 | Cabinet submissions                           | \$14 520.00           |
|                                 |                                 | Civil procedure advice                        | \$4026.00             |
|                                 |                                 | Civil regulation advice                       | \$167 890.00          |
|                                 |                                 | Communications                                | \$11 187.00           |
|                                 |                                 | Communications advice                         | \$594.00              |
|                                 |                                 | Confidentiality and protection of information | \$1122.00             |
|                                 |                                 | Constitutional advice                         | \$139 043.50          |
|                                 |                                 | Consultancy agreements                        | \$39 288.50           |
|                                 |                                 | Criminal law advice                           | \$10 000              |

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|--|--|--------------|
|  | Criminal law dispute                                   | \$2072.00    |
|  | Debt recovery action                                   | \$25 223.59  |
|  | Debt recovery advice                                   | \$11 675.50  |
|  | Disposals and acquisitions of property                 | \$6171.00    |
|  | Employment and Work Relations advice-not recons        | \$573 750.22 |
|  | Employment and Work Relations dispute not workers comp | \$66 983.90  |
|  | Enforcement statute and civil regulation               | \$528.00     |
|  | Environment advice                                     | \$31 326.75  |
|  | Environment dispute                                    | \$3993.00    |
|  | Financial law advice                                   | \$12 688.50  |
|  | Grants and funding agreements                          | \$126 483.50 |
|  | Indigenous legal issues                                | \$3696.00    |
|  | Information technology                                 | \$53 147.00  |
|  | Insurance/indemnities/guarantees                       | \$3564.00    |
|  | Intellectual property                                  | \$13 251.00  |

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|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|
|  |  | Intergovernmental agreements        | \$8514.00    |
|  |  | International law advice            | \$2020.00    |
|  |  | Internet related matters            | \$495.00     |
|  |  | Leases/licences/land use agreements | \$117 709.50 |
|  |  | Legislation/policy development      | \$168 185.50 |
|  |  | Legislative drafting                | \$24 486.00  |
|  |  | Machinery of government advice      | \$15 081.00  |
|  |  | Other admin law action              | \$36 926.00  |
|  |  | Other admin law advice              | \$46 197.50  |
|  |  | Other agreements                    | \$58 336.50  |
|  |  | Other commercial dispute            | \$43 449.41  |
|  |  | Contract administrative costs       | \$263 636.37 |
|  |  | Other services                      | \$35 815.00  |
|  |  | Other torts dispute                 | \$3267.00    |
|  |  | Probity                             | \$14 586.00  |
|  |  | Procurement of goods - other        | \$6501.00    |



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|--|--|--|------------------------------|
|  |  | Property advice other                  | \$3063.00                    |
|  |  | Protection of info advice              | \$123 507.45                 |
|  |  | Protection of info dispute             | \$8070.15                    |
|  |  | Statutory interpretation – other       | \$308 401.00                 |
|  |  | Tax, Customs and other revenue advice  | \$3597.00                    |
|  |  | Tax, customs and other revenue dispute | \$62 923.00                  |
|  |  | Tort advice                            | \$37 053.36                  |
|  |  | Training for clients                   | \$8415.00                    |
|  |  | Workers' compensation advice           | \$6897.00                    |
| <b>DAFF TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$2 818 162.60</b>        |
| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>                         | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
| AFMA                                   | Australian Government Solicitor        | Litigation                             | \$364 085.36                 |
|  |  | Advice                                 | \$37 644.38                  |
| <b>AFMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$401 729.74</b>          |

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| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
| APVMA                                  | Australian Government Solicitor        | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$19 231.82                  |

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| <b>APVMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> |  |  | <b>\$19 231.82</b> |
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| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| WEA                                    | Australian Government Solicitor        | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$57 991.98                  |
| <b>WEA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>           |  |  | <b>\$57 991.98</b>           |

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**ATTACHMENT C TO QUESTION ON NOTICE 114 SENATE ESTIMATES OCTOBER 2012**

**LIST OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY PRIVATE FIRMS TO PORTFOLIO DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2011-12**

| Portfolio Department and Agency | AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources | Service   | Costs (excluding GST) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| DAFF                            | Private Firms                   | Professional fees relating to advice, disputes, commercial matters. Briefs to counsel and disbursements | \$718 889.34          |
| <b>DAFF TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>   |                                 |   | <b>\$718 889.34</b>   |

| Portfolio Department and Agency | AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources | Service  | Costs (excluding GST) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| APVMA                           | Private Firms                   | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$258 474.55          |
| <b>APVMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>  |                                 |  | <b>\$258 474.55</b>   |

| Portfolio Department and Agency | AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources | Service  | Costs (excluding GST) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| GRDC                            | Private Firms                   | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$202 731.00          |
| <b>GRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>   |                                 |  | <b>\$202 731.00</b>   |

| Portfolio Department and Agency | AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources | Service                                  | Costs (excluding GST) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| GWRDC                           | Private Firms                   | Professional fees relating to consulting | \$9426.00             |
| <b>GWRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>  |                                 |  | <b>\$9426.00</b>      |

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| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| WAC                                    | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$44 670.92                  |
| <b>WAC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>           |  |  | <b>\$44 670.92</b>           |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| RIRDC                                  | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$92 492.78                  |
| <b>RIRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>         |  |  | <b>\$92 492.78</b>           |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| SRDC                                   | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$9911.00                    |
| <b>SRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$9911.00</b>             |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| FRDC                                   | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$96 006.89                  |
| <b>FRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$96 006.89</b>           |

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| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| CRDC                                   | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$13 963.59                  |
| <b>CRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$13 963.59</b>           |

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**ATTACHMENT D TO QUESTION ON NOTICE 114 SENATE ESTIMATES OCTOBER 2012**  
**LIST OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER SOURCES TO PORTFOLIO DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY IN**  
**FINANCIAL YEAR 2011-12**

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>  | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|---|------------------------------|
| DAFF                                   | Other Sources                          | Professional fees relating to briefs to counsel and disbursements | \$105 901.06                 |
| <b>DAFF TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |   | <b>\$105 901.06</b>          |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| AFMA                                   | Other Sources – Counsel                | Professional fees relating to briefs to counsel and disbursements                                  | \$14 315.00                  |
| AFMA                                   | In-house Legal Team                    | Salary costs   | \$688 545.43                 |
|  |  | Office consumables, travel and accommodation costs; workers compensation; professional development | \$13 688.09                  |
|  |  | Apportioned rent/lease costs   | \$133 253.55                 |
|  |  | Staff training costs   | \$3235.45                    |
| <b>AFMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$853 037.52</b>          |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>                  | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| APVMA                                  | In-house Legal Team                    | Salary and administrative costs | \$868 960.00                 |

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|                                |                                 |   |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| APVMA                          | Other Sources – Counsel         | Professional fees relating to briefs to counsel and disbursements | \$9157.27           |
| APVMA                          | Other Sources – Consulting Fees | Professional fees relating to briefs to counsel and disbursements | \$60 300.00         |
| <b>APVMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> |                                 |   | <b>\$938 417.27</b> |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>                     | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| RIRDC                                  | Other Sources – DAFF                   | Reimbursement of professional fees | \$2137.33                    |
| <b>RIRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>         |  |                                    | <b>\$2137.33</b>             |

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**Question:** 115

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Legal

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

**Answer:**

1. The table below identifies the costs (excluding GST) that each portfolio department and agency spent on legal services for this financial year to date (30 September 2012) within the department/agency. Attachment **A** provides a breakdown of the services and their cost.

| <b>Portfolio department or agency</b>                            | <b>Spend</b> |
|--|--------------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)         | \$19 500.00  |
| Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA)                 | \$135 706.89 |
| Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) | \$241 200.91 |
| Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC)               | \$17 973.48  |

2. The table below identifies the costs (excluding GST) that each portfolio department and agency spent on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for this financial year to date (30 September 2012) within the department/agency. Attachment **B** provides a breakdown of the services and their cost.

| <b>Portfolio department or agency</b>             | <b>Spend</b> |
|---|--------------|
| DAFF  | \$418 498.86 |
| AFMA  | \$5837.70    |
| APVMA   | \$86 342.73  |
| Sugar Research and Development Corporation (SRDC) | \$6321.00    |
| Wheat Exports Australia (WEA)                     | \$18 555.55  |



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3. The table below identifies the costs (excluding GST) that each portfolio department and agency spent on legal services from Private Firms for this financial year to date (30 September 2012) within the department/agency. Attachment C provides a breakdown of the services and their cost.

| <b>Portfolio department or agency</b>                         | <b>Spend</b> |
|---|--------------|
| DAFF  | \$29 048.19  |
| AFMA  | \$12 490.73  |
| APVMA   | \$15 688.18  |
| GRDC  | \$89 959.95  |
| Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation (GWRDC)   | \$6997.00    |
| Wine Australia Corporation (WAC)                              | \$51 112.29  |
| Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) | \$26 102.07  |
| SRDC  | \$5854.80    |
| Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC)         | \$12 167.00  |

4. The table below identifies the costs (excluding GST) that each portfolio department and agency spent on legal services from Other Sources for this financial year to date (30 September 2012) within the department/agency. Attachment D provides a breakdown of the services and their cost.

| <b>Portfolio department or agency</b> | <b>Spend</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| DAFF                                  | \$11 151.04  |
| AFMA                                  | \$8398.00    |
| APVMA                                 | \$17 600.00  |

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**ATTACHMENT A TO QUESTION ON NOTICE 115 SENATE ESTIMATES OCTOBER 2012  
 LIST OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT/AGENCY IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2012-13 TO DATE (30  
 SEPTEMBER 2012)**

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b> | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|----------------|------------------------------|
| DAFF                                   | In-house Legal Team                    | Salary Costs   | \$19 500.00                  |
| <b>DAFF TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |                | <b>\$19 500.00</b>           |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| AFMA                                   | In-house Legal Team                    | Salary costs   | \$134 714.23                 |
|  |  | Office consumables, travel and accommodation costs; workers compensation; professional development | \$887.66                     |
|  |  | Staff training costs   | \$105.00                     |
| <b>AFMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$135 706.89</b>          |

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| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>                  | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| APVMA                                  | In-house Legal Team                    | Salary and administrative costs | \$241 200.91                 |
| <b>APVMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>         |  |                                 | <b>\$241 200.91</b>          |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>                  | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GRDC                                   | In-house Legal Team                    | Salary and administrative costs | \$17 973.48                  |
| <b>GRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |                                 | <b>\$17 973.48</b>           |

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**ATTACHMENT B TO QUESTION ON NOTICE 115 SENATE ESTIMATES OCTOBER 2012  
LIST OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2012-13 TO  
DATE (30 SEPTEMBER 2012)**

| Portfolio Department and Agency        | AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources | Service                             | Costs (excluding GST) |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| DAFF                                   | Australian Government Solicitor | Billing file                        | \$98 910.00           |
|  |                                 | Building and construction contracts | \$2937.00             |
|  |                                 | Cabinet submissions                 | \$690.84              |
|  |                                 | Civil procedure advice              | \$2436.12             |
|  |                                 | Civil regulation advice             | \$627.00              |
|  |                                 | Communications                      | \$2574.00             |
|  |                                 | Constitutional advice               | \$26 122.68           |
|  |                                 | Corporate law advice                | \$5254.02             |
|  |                                 | Debt recovery action                | \$3188.72             |
|  |                                 | Debt recovery advice                | \$1837.00             |
| Disposals and acquisitions of property | \$2591.04                       |                                     |                       |

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|  |   |             |
|--|---|-------------|
|  | Employment and Work Relations<br>advice-not recons        | \$27 056.36 |
|  | Employment and Work Relations<br>dispute not workers comp | \$13 892.16 |
|  | Environment advice  | \$13 162.28 |
|  | Grants and funding agreements                             | \$38 881.30 |
|  | Information technology                                    | \$1987.32   |
|  | Insurance/indemnities/guarantees                          | \$545.40    |
|  | Insolvency dispute  | \$1890.72   |
|  | Intellectual property                                     | \$908.40    |
|  | Intergovernmental agreements                              | \$2378.00   |
|  | Leases/licences/land use<br>agreements                    | \$11 626.12 |
|  | Legislation/policy development                            | \$4072.32   |
|  | Legislative drafting                                      | \$2597.16   |
|  | Machinery of government advice                            | \$726.60    |
|  | Other admin law action                                    | \$19 005.14 |

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|--|--|--|---------------------|
|  |  | Other admin law advice                 | \$8692.80           |
|  |  | Other agreements                       | \$15 147.30         |
|  |  | Other commercial dispute               | \$13 373.40         |
|  |  | Other services                         | \$4592.76           |
|  |  | Probity                                | \$3698.40           |
|  |  | Protection of info advice              | \$2255.28           |
|  |  | Statutory interpretation – other       | \$51 340.52         |
|  |  | Tax, customs and other revenue dispute | \$15 494.04         |
|  |  | Tort advice                            | \$9344.16           |
|  |  | Disbursements                          | \$8662.50           |
|  |  | <b>DAFF TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          | <b>\$418 498.86</b> |

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| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| AFMA                                   | Australian Government Solicitor        | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$5837.70                    |
| <b>AFMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$5837.70</b>             |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| APVMA                                  | Australian Government Solicitor        | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$86 342.73                  |
| <b>APVMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>         |  |  | <b>\$86 342.73</b>           |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| SRDC                                   | Australian Government Solicitor        | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$6321.00                    |
| <b>SRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$6321.00</b>             |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| WEA                                    | Australian Government Solicitor        | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$18 555.55                  |
| <b>WEA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>           |  |  | <b>\$18 555.55</b>           |

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**ATTACHMENT C TO QUESTION ON NOTICE 115 SENATE ESTIMATES OCTOBER 2012**

**LIST OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY PRIVATE FIRMS IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2012-13 TO DATE (30 SEPTEMBER 2012)**

| <b>Agency</b>                 | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|-------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|
| DAFF                          | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice, disputes, commercial matters and disbursements | \$29 048.19                  |
| <b>DAFF TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> |  |  | <b>\$29 048.19</b>           |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| AFMA                                   | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$12 490.73                  |
| <b>AFMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$12 490.73</b>           |
| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
| APVMA                                  | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$15 688.18                  |
| <b>APVMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>         |  |  | <b>\$15 688.18</b>           |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>   | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| GRDC                                   | Private Firms                          | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$85 959.95                  |
| <b>GRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |  | <b>\$85 959.95</b>           |



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| Portfolio Department and Agency | AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources | Service  | Costs (excluding GST) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| GWRDC                           | Private Firms                   | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$6997.00             |
| <b>GRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>   |                                 |  | <b>\$6997.00</b>      |

| Portfolio Department and Agency | AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources | Service  | Costs (excluding GST) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| WAC                             | Private Firms                   | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$51 112.29           |
| <b>WAC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>    |                                 |  | <b>\$51 112.29</b>    |

| Portfolio Department and Agency | AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources | Service  | Costs (excluding GST) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| RIRDC                           | Private Firms                   | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$26 102.07           |
| <b>RIRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>  |                                 |  | <b>\$26 102.07</b>    |

| Portfolio Department and Agency | AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources | Service  | Costs (excluding GST) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| SRDC                            | Private Firms                   | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$5854.80             |
| <b>SRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>   |                                 |  | <b>\$5854.80</b>      |

| Portfolio Department and Agency | AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources | Service  | Costs (excluding GST) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| FRDC                            | Private Firms                   | Professional fees relating to advice and disbursements | \$12 167.00           |
| <b>FRDC TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>   |                                 |  | <b>\$12 167.00</b>    |

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**ATTACHMENT D TO QUESTION ON NOTICE 115 SENATE ESTIMATES OCTOBER 2012  
LIST OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER SOURCES IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2012-13 TO DATE (30 SEPTEMBER 2012)**

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b>        | <b>Service</b>                  | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DAFF                                   | Other Sources – Attorney General’s Department | Attending to commercial matters | \$11 151.04                  |
| <b>DAFF TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |   |                                 | <b>\$11 151.04</b>           |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>  | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|---|------------------------------|
| AFMA                                   | Other Sources – Counsel                | Professional fees relating to briefs to counsel and disbursements | \$8398.00                    |
| <b>AFMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |  |   | <b>\$8398.00</b>             |

| <b>Portfolio Department and Agency</b> | <b>AGS/Private Firms/Other Sources</b> | <b>Service</b>  | <b>Costs (excluding GST)</b> |
|--|--|---|------------------------------|
| APVMA                                  | Other Sources – Consulting Fees        | Professional fees relating to briefs to counsel and disbursements | \$17 600.00                  |
| <b>APVMA TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>         |  |   | <b>\$17 600.00</b>           |

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**Question: 122**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Paid Parental Leave for staff

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?
2. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.

**Answer:**

1. As previously advised, the Department does not keep records of all employees currently eligible to receive payments under the government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Eligibility is assessed once employees apply for payments and their records are reviewed.
2. For the period 1 July 2012 to 25 October 2012 the department and portfolio agencies listed below have provided payments under the government's Paid Parental Leave scheme:

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - DAFF         | 54 employees |
| Wine Australia Corporation - WA                                  | 1 employees  |
| Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority - APVMA | 2 employees  |
| Grains Research and Development Corporation - GRDC               | 3 employees  |

| <b>Classification</b> | <b>DAFF</b> | <b>WA</b> | <b>APVMA</b> | <b>GRDC</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| APS3                  | 6           |           |              |             |
| APS4                  | 16          |           | 1            |             |
| APS5                  | 14          |           |              |             |
| APS6                  | 5           |           |              |             |
| EL1                   | 8           |           | 1            |             |
| EL2                   | 5           |           |              |             |
| Wine Auditor          |             | 1         |              |             |
| Project Manager       |             |           |              | 1           |
| Section Head          |             |           |              | 1           |
| Admin Coordinator     |             |           |              | 1           |

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**Question: 123**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Paid Parental Leave for staff

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. For 2011-12 to date which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.

**Answer:**

1. For the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 the department and portfolio agencies listed below have provided payments under the government's Paid Parental Leave scheme:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - DAFF        | 61 employees |
| Australian Fisheries Management Authority - AFMA                | 5 employees  |
| Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority- APVMA | 3 employees  |
| Grains Research and Development Corporation - GRDC              | 1 employees  |

| <b>Classification</b> | <b>DAFF</b> | <b>AFMA</b> | <b>APVMA</b> | <b>GRDC</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| APS3                  | 8           |             |              |             |
| APS4                  | 11          | 1           | 1            |             |
| APS5                  | 18          | 1           |              |             |
| APS6                  | 11          | 1           | 1            |             |
| EL1                   | 11          |             | 1            |             |
| EL2                   | 2           | 2           |              |             |
| Project Manager       |             |             |              | 1           |

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**Question: 126**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Corporate cars

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012):
2. How cars are owned by each department/agency?
3. Where is the car/s located?
4. What is the car/s used for?
5. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?
6. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

- 1-6. As at 30 September 2012 the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry owned 1 car. The table below provides the additional information requested.

| <b>Car</b> | <b>Location</b>  | <b>Use</b>   | <b>Cost of car in 2012-2013 to date (GST Inc.)</b> | <b>Distance travelled in 2012-13 to date</b> |
|------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| 1          | Christmas Island | General operational use, including compliance activities, general administration and transport of personnel and minor freight. | \$336  | 1668km                                       |

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**Question:** 126 (continued)

As at 30 September 2012 the Australian Fisheries Management Authority owned 3 cars. The table below provides the additional information requested.

| <b>Car</b> | <b>Location</b> | <b>Use</b>   | <b>Cost of car in 2012-2013 to date (GST Inc.)</b> | <b>Distance travelled in 2012-13 to date</b> |
|------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| 1          | Thursday Island | General operational use including compliance activities, attending meetings and minor freight. | \$115  | 651 km                                       |
| 2          | Thursday Island |  | \$53   | 345 km                                       |
| 3          | Canberra        |  | \$1170   | 730 km                                       |

\*\* Please note that the distance travelled figures for the cars located on Thursday Island have reduced significantly compared to previously reported figures due to total odometer readings rather than distances travelled being reported. Corrections are currently being drafted and will be sent to the Committee.

The following agencies did not own any cars as at 30 September 2012:

- Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Management Authority
- Cotton Research Development Corporation
- Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
- Grains Research and Development Corporation
- Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation
- Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation
- Sugar Research and Development Corporation
- Wheat Exports Australia
- Wine Australia Corporation.

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**Question:** 127

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Corporate Cars

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

For 2011-12:

- How cars are owned by each department/agency?
- Where is the car/s located?
- What is the car/s used for?
- What was the cost of each car?
- How far did each car travel?

**Answer:**

1-5. For 2011-12 the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry owned 1 car. The table below provides the additional information requested.

| <b>Car</b> | <b>Location</b>  | <b>Use</b>   | <b>Cost of car in 2011-2012 GST Inc.)</b> | <b>Distance travelled in 2011-12</b> |
|------------|------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1          | Christmas Island | General operational use, including compliance activities, general administration and transport of personnel and minor freight. | \$4063                                    | 8395 km                              |

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1-5. For 2011-12 the Australian Fisheries Management Authority owned 3 cars. The table below provides the additional information requested.

| <b>Car</b> | <b>Location</b> | <b>Use</b>   | <b>Cost of car in 2011-2012 (GST Inc.)</b> | <b>Distance travelled in 2011-12*</b> |
|------------|-----------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1          | Thursday Island | General operational use including compliance activities, attending meetings and minor freight. | \$1949                                     | 2604 km                               |
| 2          | Thursday Island |  | \$1452                                     | 1380 km                               |
| 3          | Canberra        |  | \$3662                                     | 4608 km                               |

\* Please note that the distance travelled figures for the cars located on Thursday Island have changed significantly compared to previously reported figures. This is due to an internal miscommunication, resulting in total odometer readings rather than distances travelled being reported.

The following agencies did not own cars during 2011-12:

- Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Management Authority
- Cotton Research Development Corporation
- Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
- Grains Research and Development Corporation
- Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation
- Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation
- Sugar Research and Development Corporation
- Wheat Exports Australia
- Wine Australia Corporation.



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**Question: 128**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Taxi Costs

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date?  
Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer:**

1. In 2012-13 financial year to date (1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012) the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has spent \$0.24 million (GST Inc.) on taxi costs. The table below provides a breakdown of taxi costs by business group:

| <b>Division / Business Group</b> | <b>Taxi costs (GST Inc.)</b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ABARES                           | \$7826                       |
| Agricultural Productivity        | \$10 694                     |
| Biosecurity                      | \$175 993                    |
| Climate Change                   | \$5659                       |
| Finance and Business Support     | \$8427                       |
| Government                       | \$14 575                     |
| Information Services             | \$5281                       |
| Executive                        | \$1402                       |
| Sustainable Resource Management  | \$10 178                     |
| Trade and Market Access          | \$4697                       |

2. The taxi costs identified against Biosecurity are a reflection of Biosecurity's role and presence across the country and across cities and regions. Biosecurity operations require officers to be present at dispersed locations and travel expenditure is incurred as a result.
3. The expenditure is made up of trips to and from airports, accommodation, meetings, conferences and other work related activities.

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In 2012-13 financial year (1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012) the Portfolio Agencies have spent \$51 986 (GST Inc.) on taxi costs. The table below provides a breakdown of taxi costs by Portfolio:

| <b>Portfolio Agencies</b>                                       | <b>Taxi costs (GST Inc)</b> |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA)                | \$13 438                    |
| Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Management Authority (APVMA) | \$7609                      |
| Wine Australia Corporation                                      | \$10 666                    |
| Cotton Research & Development Corporation (CRDC)                | \$1124                      |
| Fisheries Research & Development Corporation (FRDC)             | \$3400                      |
| Grains Research & Development Corporation (GRDC)                | \$8000*                     |
| Grape & Wine Research & Development Corporation (GWRDC)         | \$989                       |
| Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation (RIRDC)     | \$3629                      |
| Sugar Research & Development Corporation (SRDC)                 | \$3131                      |

\*GRDC does not identify taxi expenses separately. Taxi expenses are included in total travel and accommodation expenses. Estimated cost provided.

4. The taxi costs identified above are a reflection of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Portfolio Agencies' role and presence across the country and across cities and regions. Operations require officers to be present at various locations and travel expenditure is incurred as a result.

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**Question:** 129

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Taxi Costs

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer:**

1. In 2011-12 financial year the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry spent \$1.16 million (GST inc.) on taxi costs. The table below provides a breakdown of taxi costs by business group:

| <b>Division / Business Group</b> | <b>Taxi costs (GST Inc.)</b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ABARES                           | \$50 501                     |
| Agricultural Productivity        | \$43 833                     |
| Biosecurity                      | \$854 880                    |
| Climate Change                   | \$27 247                     |
| Finance and Business Support     | \$30 634                     |
| Government                       | \$45 521                     |
| Information Services             | \$27 482                     |
| Executive                        | \$5777                       |
| Sustainable Resource Management  | \$40 910                     |
| Trade and Market Access          | \$28 977                     |

2. The taxi costs identified against Biosecurity are a reflection of Biosecurity's role and presence across the country and across cities and regions. Biosecurity operations require officers to be present at dispersed locations and travel expenditure is incurred as a result.

The expenditure is made up of trips to and from airports, accommodation, meetings, conferences and other work related activities.

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In 2011-12 financial year the Portfolio Agencies have spent \$171 811 (GST Inc.) on taxi costs. The table below provides a breakdown of taxi costs by Portfolio:

| <b>Portfolio Agencies</b>                                       | <b>Taxi costs (GST Inc.)</b> |
|---|------------------------------|
| Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA)                | \$48 443                     |
| Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Management Authority (APVMA) | \$29 525                     |
| Wine Australia Corporation                                      | \$26 349                     |
| Cotton Research & Development Corporation (CRDC)                | \$3288                       |
| Fisheries Research & Development Corporation (FRDC)             | \$14 456                     |
| Grains Research & Development Corporation (GRDC)                | \$30 000*                    |
| Grape & Wine Research & Development Corporation (GWRDC)         | \$5286                       |
| Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation (RIRDC)     | \$7829**                     |
| Sugar Research & Development Corporation (SRDC)                 | \$6635                       |

\*GRDC does not identify taxi expenses separately. Taxi expenses are included in total travel and accommodation expenses. Estimated amount provided.

\*\*RIRDC was invoiced \$7,829 (GST Inc.) for taxis in 2011-2012. Additional amounts will have been incurred by staff paid for on credit card and/or paid by staff personally and subsequently reimbursed which are not included in this figure. The extraction of this data would require an unreasonable allocation of resources.

The taxi costs identified are a reflection of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Portfolio Agencies' role and presence across the country and across cities and regions. Operations require officers to be present at various locations and travel expenditure is incurred as a result.

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**Question:** 130

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Credit Cards

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.

Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012):

- What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?
- How is corporate credit card use monitored?
- What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?
- Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.
- What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?

**Answer:**

A breakdown of corporate credit card holders by employment classification is provided in the table below.

The number of corporate credit cards issued has increased by 25 cards since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012). This increase is due to departmental policy requiring the use of corporate credit cards to pay for travel expenses and purchases up to \$2000.

| <b>Employee Classification</b> | <b>Corporate Credit Cards as at 30/9/12</b> | <b>Budget Estimates</b> | <b>Difference</b> |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| APS2                           | 5   | 4                       | 1                 |
| APS3                           | 12  | 12                      | 0                 |
| APS4                           | 46  | 43                      | 3                 |
| APS5                           | 117   | 109                     | 8                 |
| APS6                           | 178   | 174                     | 4                 |
| EL1                            | 304   | 299                     | 5                 |
| EL2                            | 348   | 334                     | 14                |
| SES1                           | 63  | 74                      | -11               |
| SES2                           | 20  | 17                      | 3                 |
| SES3                           | 3   | 4                       | -1                |
| SECRTY                         | 1   | 2                       | -1                |
| <b>Grand Total</b>             | <b>1097</b>                                 | <b>1072</b>             | <b>25</b>         |

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- All misuse of corporate credit cards is reported to the Fraud and Security Team for appropriate action.
- Credit card use is monitored through online processing by the cardholder, reviewed by an authorising officer and the credit card team. Periodic reviews are undertaken to ensure ceased officers have had their credit card cancelled. Reviews are also carried out on the number of cards with the department and associated limits of each card.
- In the event of suspected credit card misuse, the item is reported to the Department's Fraud and Security Team for appropriate action.
- For the current financial year (to 31 October 2012) there have been five instances of misuse discovered. The range of staff classifications are APS5 to EL2. Three instances of misuse were due to accidental personal use, with the amounts being repaid in full to the department. Two instances of misuse were due to card holders splitting the full value of purchase over multiple transactions. These officers and their authorising officers were reminded of the department's policy on credit card use.
- There are a number of actions aimed at the prevention of credit card misuse. These include the issuing of instructional information on using corporate credit cards, training, limiting access to credit cards on a needs basis and by setting transaction and monthly limits on cards.

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**Question: 131**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Credit Cards

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

For 2011-12 how many instances of corporate credit card misuse were there? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.

**Answer:**

For 2011-12 there were 17 instances of corporate credit card misuse. The below table provides a breakdown of this misuse by staff classification, type of misuse and action taken.

| <b>Employee Classification</b> | <b>Type of misuse</b>                                | <b>Action taken</b>                      |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| SES2                           | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| EL2                            | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| EL2                            | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| EL2                            | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| EL2                            | Splitting single purchase over multiple transactions | Cardholder & reviewing officer contacted |
| EL2                            | Splitting single purchase over multiple transactions | Cardholder & reviewing officer contacted |
| EL1                            | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| EL1                            | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| EL1                            | Splitting single purchase over multiple transactions | Cardholder & reviewing officer contacted |
| EL1                            | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| APS6                           | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| APS6                           | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| APS5                           | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| APS5                           | Splitting single purchase over multiple transactions | Cardholder & reviewing officer contacted |
| APS5                           | Splitting single purchase over multiple transactions | Cardholder & reviewing officer contacted |
| APS3                           | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| APS5                           | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| APS5                           | Splitting single purchase over multiple transactions | Cardholder & reviewing officer contacted |
| APS3                           | Accidental private use                               | Expense repaid                           |
| APS3                           | Splitting single purchase over multiple transactions | Cardholder & reviewing officer contacted |
| <b>Total</b>                   |  | <b>17</b>                                |

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**Question:** 134

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Electricity Purchasing

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

Provide details of any update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012).

What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12?

What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

1. Nil.
2. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's (DAFF) electricity cost for 2011-12 was \$2 186 263 (excluding GST).
3. DAFF's electricity supply cost for the current financial year to 30 September 2012 is \$888 293(excluding GST).



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**Question:** 137

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Shredders

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

Did the department/agencies purchase any shredders in 2011-12? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.

Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012)? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.

**Answer:**

Yes. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry purchased two shredders in 2011–12. The cost (GST Inc.) of each shredder was \$59 and \$219. The Cotton Research and Development Corporation purchased one shredder costing \$5 582 (GST Inc.). The shredders were purchased as replacement assets in line with information security requirements. The shredders are used for shredding.

Yes. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has purchased one shredder since May 2012. The cost was \$7 018 (GST Inc.). The shredder was purchased as a replacement asset in line with information security requirements. The shredder is used for shredding.

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**Question:** 139

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Office Locations

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. Please provide a list of all office locations for DAFF and agencies within the portfolio by:
  - a. Department/Agency;
  - b. Location;
  - c. Leased or Owned;
  - d. Size;
  - e. Number of Staff at each location and classification;
  - f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre ;
  - g. If owned, the value of the building;
  - h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned;
  - i. Type of functions and work undertaken

**Answer:**

The list of all office locations for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) and agencies within the portfolio is in Table 1 for DAFF and Table 2 for DAFF Agencies & overseas properties.

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TABLE 1 DAFF office locations

| Agency | Location                            | Occupancy Arrangement | Size (NLA) Sqm | FTE | FTE Classification | Annual Rent (leased sites)   | Annual Rent per sqm (leased sites) | Owned site (value) | Owned site (annual bldg depreciation ) | Functions and work undertaken  |
|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| DAFF   | Adelaide, SA                        | Leased                | 203.87         | 28  | APS3 to EL1        | N/A - Outgoings Only Payable | N/A                                | N/A                | N/A                                    | Passenger Clearance and Dogs. Clearance of international passengers into Australia.      |
| DAFF   | Adelaide, SA                        | Leased                | 2301.90        | 128 | APS 2 to EL2       | \$803,730                    | \$349.16                           | N/A                | N/A                                    | All programs, and administration and import clearance                                    |
| DAFF   | Albany, WA                          | Leased                | 325.20         | 3   | APS 3-5            | \$13,069                     | \$40.19                            | N/A                | N/A                                    | Import Clearance functions, inspecting goods into Aust (1 FTE plus 5 casual non ongoing) |
| DAFF   | Badu Island, Torres Strait Island   | Leased                | 16.00          | 1   | APS 3              | Nil                          | Nil                                | N/A                | N/A                                    | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |
| DAFF   | Bamaga, Qld                         | Leased                | 16.00          | 1   | APS 3              | Nil                          | Nil                                | N/A                | N/A                                    | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |
| DAFF   | Barmera, SA                         | Leased                | 69.00          | 3   | APS 4-5            | \$4499                       | \$65.20                            | N/A                | N/A                                    | Export food inspections  |
| DAFF   | Belmont, WA                         | Leased                | 2510.00        | 7   | APS 2-5            | \$64,999                     | \$25.90                            | N/A                | N/A                                    | Maintain dogs for DDU - also known as Redcliffe  |
| DAFF   | Boigu Island, Torres Strait Islands | Leased                | 16.00          | 2   | APS 3              | Nil                          | Nil                                | N/A                | N/A                                    | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |
| DAFF   | Broken Hill, NSW                    | Owned                 |                | 3   | APS2-4             | N/A - Owned site             | N/A                                | \$94,000           | \$3,608                                | Field office for field surveillance and control  |

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| Agency | Location            | Occupancy Arrangement | Size (NLA) Sqm | FTE  | FTE Classification | Annual Rent (leased sites)   | Annual Rent per sqm (leased sites) | Owned site (value) | Owned site (annual bldg depreciation) | Functions and work undertaken  |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
|        |                     |                       |                |      |                    |                              |                                    |                    |                                       | operations   |
| DAFF   | Broome, WA          | Leased                | 174.60         | 6    | APS4-EL1           | \$65 126                     | \$373.00                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | NAQS surveillance and lab, live animal exports, border operations (seaports, airports & cargo)     |
| DAFF   | Broome, WA          | Leased                | 25.00          | N/A  | N/A                | \$3360                       | \$134.40                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Storage  |
| DAFF   | Bunbury, WA         | Leased                | 42.00          | 2    | APS4-5             | \$13 307                     | \$316.83                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Import Clearance functions, inspecting goods into Australia  |
| DAFF   | Bundaberg, Qld      | Leased                | 74.50          | 2    | APS 4- APS5        | \$13 516                     | \$181.42                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Quarantine Management, Export Management   |
| DAFF   | Byford, WA          | Leased                | 23,790.00      | 6    | APS3 -6            | \$98 983                     | \$4.16                             | N/A                | N/A                                   | Quarantine Management for dogs and cats  |
| DAFF   | Cairns, Qld         | Leased                | 253.00         |      | N/A                | \$6774                       | \$26.77                            | N/A                | N/A                                   | Dog kennelling   |
| DAFF   | Cairns, Qld         | Leased                | 320.00         | 21   | APS3-6             | N/A - Outgoings Only Payable | N/A                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | Border operations  |
| DAFF   | Cairns Airport, Qld | Leased                | 2,207.00       | 67   | APS3-EL2           | \$856 856                    | \$388.24                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Border ops (seaports & cargo), NAQS surveillance and labs, export certification, support services. |
| DAFF   | Canberra, ACT       | Leased                | 27,684.00      | 1565 | APS2-Secretary     | \$13 046 103                 | \$471.25                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | This is the head office of the DAFF  |

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| Agency | Location                              | Occupancy Arrangement | Size (NLA) Sqm | FTE  | FTE Classification | Annual Rent (leased sites)   | Annual Rent per sqm (leased sites) | Owned site (value) | Owned site (annual bldg depreciation) | Functions and work undertaken                  |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| DAFF   | Canberra, ACT                         | Leased                | 10,192.00      | 695  | APS2- SES Band 2   | \$5 368 662                  | \$526.75                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | This is the head office of the DAFF            |
| DAFF   | Christmas Island                      | Leased                | 24.00          | 1    | APS4               | \$5460                       | \$227.50                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Border operations (seaports, airports & cargo) |
| DAFF   | Christmas Island                      | Leased                | 16.00          | 1    | APS 3              | Nil                          | Nil                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | Quarantine Management                          |
| DAFF   | Coconut Island, Torres Strait Islands | Leased                | 18.00          | 1    | APS 3              | Nil                          | Nil                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |
| DAFF   | Coolangatta, Qld                      | Leased                | 186.90         | 16.9 | APS3- APS6         | N/A - Outgoings Only Payable | N/A                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | Quarantine Management, Export Management       |
| DAFF   | Darnley Island, Torres Strait Islands | Leased                | 9.00           | 1    | APS 3              | Nil                          | Nil                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |
| DAFF   | Darwin, NT                            | Leased                | 194.10         |      | APS4               | \$2426                       | \$12.50                            | N/A                | N/A                                   | Dog kennelling                                 |
| DAFF   | Darwin, NT                            | Leased                | 163.23         | 21   | APS3-6             | N/A - Outgoings Only Payable | N/A                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | Border operations (passengers)                 |
| DAFF   | Dauan Island, Torres Strait Islands   | Leased                | 12.00          | 1    | APS 3              | Nil                          | Nil                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |
| DAFF   | Devonport, TAS                        | Leased                | 12.25          | 2    | APS 5              | \$2727                       | \$222.63                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Food inspections                               |

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| Agency | Location           | Occupancy Arrangement | Size (NLA) Sqm | FTE | FTE Classification | Annual Rent (leased sites)   | Annual Rent per sqm (leased sites) | Owned site (value) | Owned site (annual bldg depreciation) | Functions and work undertaken  |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| DAFF   | Docklands, Vic     | Leased                | 128.00         | 4   | APS5 - EL1         | \$48 771                     | \$381.02                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Levies stakeholder engagement and undertakes compliance investigation                                |
| DAFF   | Eagle Farm, Qld    | Leased                | 216.00         | 1   | APS2               | \$24 238                     | \$112.21                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Quarantine Management  |
| DAFF   | Eagle Farm, Qld    | Leased                | 1 350.00       | 55  | APS3- EL1          | N/A - Outgoings Only Payable | N/A                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | Quarantine Management  |
| DAFF   | Eagle Farm, Qld    | Leased                | 4 115.00       | 243 | APS2- SES1         | \$1 413 357                  | \$343.46                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Scientific Support, Administrative Support, Quarantine Management, Export Management                 |
| DAFF   | Eastern Creek, NSW | Leased                | 221 000.00     | 40  | FTE - APS3- EL1    | \$3 120 000                  | \$14.12                            | N/A                | N/A                                   | Post Entry Quarantine services for both animals and plants and scientific services (plant pathology) |
| DAFF   | Eaton, NT          | Leased                | 1 577.80       | 44  | APS3-EL2           | \$577 868                    |                                    | N/A                | N/A                                   | Border ops (seaports & cargo), NAQS surveillance and labs, export certification, support services.   |
| DAFF   | Fremantle Nth, WA  | Leased                | 179.00         | 29  | APS 3-6            | \$31 811                     |                                    | N/A                | N/A                                   | Import Clearance functions, inspecting goods into Aust   |
| DAFF   | Fyshwick,          | Leased                | 2 830.00       | 31  | APS3 - EL2         | \$705 210                    | \$249.19                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Administration, mapping  |

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|--------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
|        | ACT                                |                       |                |     |                    |                              |                                    |                    |  | and research   |
| DAFF   | Fyshwick, ACT                      | Leased                | 918.00         | 66  | APS3 - SES Band 1  | \$260 428                    | \$283.69                           | N/A                | N/A                                    | Research and development of risk identification software   |
| DAFF   | Gillman, SA                        | Leased                | 30.00          | 1   | APS 4              | \$3568                       | \$118.93                           | N/A                | N/A                                    | Import Clearance functions, inspecting goods into Aust     |
| DAFF   | Gladstone, Qld                     | Leased                | 246.00         | 8   | APS3- APS6         | \$95 671                     | \$388.91                           | N/A                | N/A                                    | Quarantine Management, Export Management                   |
| DAFF   | Griffith, NSW                      | Leased                | 52.10          | 2   | APS 3-5            | \$11 409.84                  | \$219.00                           | N/A                | N/A                                    | Export food inspections                                    |
| DAFF   | Horn Island, Torres Strait Islands | Leased                | 16.00          | 1   | APS 3              | N/A - Outgoings Only Payable | N/A                                | N/A                | N/A                                    | Quarantine Management                                      |
| DAFF   | Karratha, WA                       | Leased                | 129.30         | 7   | APS3 -6            | \$55 941                     | \$432.65                           | N/A                | N/A                                    | Import Clearance functions, inspecting goods into Aust     |
| DAFF   | Kensington, Vic                    | Leased                | 397.54         | 24  | APS 3 - EL1        | \$89 232                     | \$224.46                           | N/A                | N/A                                    | Quarantine Management                                      |
| DAFF   | Knoxfield, Vic                     | Leased                | 2 500.00       | 5   | APS 5- EL2         | \$70 000                     | \$28.00                            | N/A                | N/A                                    | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management               |
| DAFF   | Longreach, Qld                     | Owned                 |                | 4   | APS2-4             | N/A - Owned site             | N/A                                | \$70,500           | \$62,556                               | Field office for field surveillance and control operations |
| DAFF   | Mabuiag Island, Torres             | Leased                | 16.00          | 1   | APS 3              | \$4800                       | \$300                              | N/A                | N/A                                    | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management               |

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|--------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
|        | Strait Islands                       |                       |                |     |                    |                              |                                    |                    |  |  |
| DAFF   | Mackay, Qld                          | Leased                | 91.80          | 6.6 | APS3- APS5         | \$44 546                     | \$485                              | N/A                | N/A                                    | Quarantine Management, Export Management   |
| DAFF   | Mascot, NSW                          | Leased                | 0.00           | 311 | FTE: APS3-EL2      | N/A - Outgoings Only Payable | N/A                                | N/A                | N/A                                    | Passenger clearance services for int. aircraft and cruise vessels  |
| DAFF   | Merbein, Vic                         | Leased                | 75.00          | 3   | APS 4-5            | \$5925                       | \$79                               | N/A                | N/A                                    | Export food inspections  |
| DAFF   | Moa Island, Torres Strait Islands    | Leased                | 16.00          | 1   | APS 3              | Nil                          | Nil                                | N/A                | N/A                                    | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |
| DAFF   | Murray Island, Torres Strait Islands | Leased                | 98.00          | 1   | APS 3              | \$9000                       | \$91                               | N/A                | N/A                                    | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |
| DAFF   | Narrabri, NSW                        | Leased                | 38.69          | 2   | FTE: APS3-APS5     | \$10 928                     | \$282                              | N/A                | N/A                                    | Plant export inspection and certification services.  |
| DAFF   | Narromine, NSW                       | Owned                 |                | 3   | APS2-4             | N/A - Owned site             | N/A                                | \$215,500          | \$9,701                                | Field office for field surveillance and control operations   |
| DAFF   | Newcastle, NSW                       | Leased                | 362.00         | 8   | FTE: APS3-APS6     | \$68 065                     | \$188                              | N/A                | N/A                                    | Bulk Commodity NCC, BioSecurity inspection of imported cargo, grain, fertiliser, wharf surveillance, inspection and clearance of int. ships, clearance of cruise |



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|--------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
|        |                  |                       |                |     |                    |                              |                                    |                    |                                       | vessel passengers   |
| DAFF   | Nhulunbuy, NT    | Leased                | 110.00         | 2   | APS4-5             | \$1                          | \$0                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | NAQS community liaison and surveillance, border operations (seaports & cargo)                                   |
| DAFF   | Nth Geelong, VIC | Leased                | 182.00         | 2   | APS 4-5            | \$28 305.00                  | \$155                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Export food inspections and quarantine management   |
| DAFF   | Parkes, NSW      | Leased                | 86.36          | 3   | FTE: APS3-APS5     | \$8 840                      | \$102                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Plant export inspection and certification services.   |
| DAFF   | Perth, WA        | Leased                | 3 383.00       | 135 | APS 3 to SES       | \$1 425 043                  | \$421                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | All programs, and administration  |
| DAFF   | Perth, WA        | Leased                | 113.36         | 47  | APS3 to EL1        | N/A - Outgoings Only Payable | N/A                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | Passenger Clearance and Detector Dog usage (DDU). Clearance of international passengers arriving into Australia |
| DAFF   | Port Botany, NSW | Leased                | 39.24          | 2   | FTE: APS3-APS5     | \$14 449                     | \$368                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | BioSecurity inspection and clearance of int. ships sea freight containers, cargo, wharf and depot surveillance  |
| DAFF   | Port Hedland, WA | Leased                | 111.80         | 4   | APS4-5             | \$72 670.08                  | \$650                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Import Clearance functions, inspecting goods into Aust  |

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|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| DAFF   | Port Kembla, NSW      | Leased                | 154.30         | 9   | FTE: APS3-APS5        | \$46 470                   | \$301                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | BioSecurity inspection of imported cargo, grain, woodchip, wharf surveillance, inspection and clearance of int. ships, clearance of cruise vessel passengers |
| DAFF   | Port Lincoln, SA      | Leased                | 112.56         | 3   | APS 4 -5              | \$11 036                   | \$98                               | N/A                | N/A                                   | Seaports and Grain and Import Clearance- Vessel clearance and inspection of export grain, and goods entering Aust.   |
| DAFF   | Port Melbourne, VIC   | Leased                | 22.26          | 3   | APS 3-4               | \$15 463                   | \$694                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Quarantine Management  |
| DAFF   | Port of Brisbane, Qld | Leased                | 607.00         | 49  | APS3- EL1             | \$193 990.80               | \$319                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Quarantine Management  |
| DAFF   | Portland, Vic         | Leased                | 45.00          | 1   | APS 4-5               | \$8066                     | \$179                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Export food inspection   |
| DAFF   | Prospect, NSW         | Leased                | 45.00          | 3   | FTE: APS5 (equiv)-EL2 | \$11 674                   | \$259                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Meat inspection services/ auditing   |
| DAFF   | Rosebery, NSW         | Leased                | 7 603.80       | 261 | FTE: APS2-SES         | \$2 399 094                | \$315                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Documentary assessment, risk profiling and screening, auditing, BioSecurity inspection of imported fresh agricultural product, live                          |

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|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
|        |                                       |                       |                |     |                    |                              |                                    |                    |  | fish, scientific services (plant path and ento), operational and corporate support services. |
| DAFF   | Saibai Island, Torres Strait Island   | Leased                | 18.00          | 2   | APS 3              | Nil                          | Nil                                | N/A                | N/A                                    | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |
| DAFF   | Shepparton, Vic                       | Leased                | 55.00          | 3   | APS 4-5            | \$11 000                     | \$200                              | N/A                | N/A                                    | Export food inspection and quarantine management   |
| DAFF   | Sherwood, Qld                         | Leased                | 123.00         | 4   | APS5 - EL1         | \$30 411                     | \$247                              | N/A                | N/A                                    | Levies stakeholder engagement and undertakes compliance investigation                        |
| DAFF   | Spotswood, Vic                        | Leased                | 20 795.00      | 8   | APS 3 - 6          | \$433 854                    | \$20                               | N/A                | N/A                                    | Quarantine Management  |
| DAFF   | Stephen Island, Torres Strait Island  | Leased                | 16.00          | 1   | APS 3              | Nil                          | Nil                                | N/A                | N/A                                    | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |
| DAFF   | Sydney Markets, NSW                   | Leased                | 38.10          | 2   | APS4-APS5          | \$11 718                     | \$307                              | N/A                | N/A                                    | Plant export inspections and certification   |
| DAFF   | Thursday Island, Torres Strait Island | Leased                | 130.00         | 8   | APS3-EL1           | N/A - Outgoings Only Payable | N/A                                | N/A                | N/A                                    | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |

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|--------|--|-----------------------|----------------|-----|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| DAFF   | Toowoomba, Qld                         | Leased                | 130.00         | 2   | APS4               | \$42 704.52                  | \$328                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Export Management  |
| DAFF   | Torrens Island, SA                     | Leased                | 570.00         | 1   | APS 6              | \$64 738                     | \$113                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Live Animal Imports - supervising imported eggs and hatching. Monitor of disease.    |
| DAFF   | Townsville, Qld                        | Leased                | 409.00         | 14  | APS3- EL1          | \$164 926                    | \$ 403                             | N/A                | N/A                                   | Quarantine Management, Export Management   |
| DAFF   | Tullamarine, Vic                       | Leased                | 2 406.00       | 148 | APS 2 - SES 1      | \$951 128                    | \$395                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Quarantine Management, scientific support and administration                         |
| DAFF   | Tullamarine, Vic                       | Leased                | 1 361.80       | 92  | APS 3 - EL 2       | \$381 425                    | \$280                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Export food inspection; quarantine management and administration; business assurance |
| DAFF   | Tullamarine, Vic                       | Leased                | 0.00           | 101 | APS 3 - EL 1       | N/A - Outgoings Only Payable | N/A                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | Quarantine management  |
| DAFF   | Wallaroo, SA                           | Leased                | 80.00          | 1   | APS 5              | \$8212                       | \$102                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Seaports and Grain-Vessel clearance and inspection of export grain                   |
| DAFF   | Warraber Island, Torres Strait Islands | Leased                | 16.00          | 1   | APS 3              | Nil                          | Nil                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |
| DAFF   | Weipa, Qld                             | Leased                | 41.80          | 2   | APS4-5             | \$8948                       | \$214                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management   |

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|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| DAFF   | Yam Island, Torres Strait Islands   | Leased                | 16.00          | 1   | APS 3              | \$1200                     | \$75                               | N/A                | N/A                                   | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management  |
| DAFF   | Yorke Island, Torres Strait Islands | Leased                | 16.00          | 1   | APS 3              | Nil                        | Nil                                | N/A                | N/A                                   | Scientific Support and Quarantine Management  |
| DAFF   | Thailand (Bangkok)                  | Leased (from DFAT)    | 49.5           | 2   | EL2 & LES          | \$10 885                   | \$219.90                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Assist in Australia's efforts to remove or lower market access barriers and facilitate trade.<br><br>Monitor emerging international issues.<br><br>Help resolve quarantine issues.<br><br>Provide briefings and assist with visiting delegations. |
| DAFF   | China (Beijing)                     | Leased (from DFAT)    | 149.58         | 4   | EL2 & LES          | \$73 605                   | \$149.58                           | N/A                | N/A                                   |   |
| DAFF   | Belgium (Brussels)                  | Leased (from DFAT)    | 69.6           | 2   | SES & LES          | \$17 592                   | \$252.76                           | N/A                | N/A                                   |   |

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|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| DAFF   | Belgium (Brussels)  | Leased (from DFAT)    | 89.9           | 0   |                    | \$20 801                   | \$231.39                           | N/A                | N/A                                    |                               |
| DAFF   | UAE (Dubai)         | Leased (from DFAT)    | 33.7           | 2   | EL2 & LES          | \$29 027                   | \$861.34                           | N/A                | N/A                                    |                               |
| DAFF   | Indonesia (Jakarta) | Leased (from DFAT)    | 43.65          | 4.5 | EL2 & LES          | \$14 981                   | \$43.65                            | N/A                | N/A                                    |                               |
| DAFF   | Russia (Moscow)     | Leased (from DFAT)    | 8.8            | 1   | LES                | \$6186                     | \$702.95                           | N/A                | N/A                                    |                               |
| DAFF   | India (New Delhi)   | Leased (from DFAT)    | 35.3           | 2   | EL2 & LES          | \$32 634                   | \$901.95                           | N/A                | N/A                                    |                               |
| DAFF   | France (Paris)      | Leased (from DFAT)    | 25.1           | 1   | LES                | \$20 018                   | \$797.53                           | N/A                | N/A                                    |                               |
| DAFF   | Italy (Rome)        | Leased (from DFAT)    | 32.3           | 3   | EL2 & LES          | \$19 216                   | \$594.92                           | N/A                | N/A                                    |                               |
| DAFF   | Korea (Seoul)       | Leased (from DFAT)    | 53.8           | 2   | EL2 & LES          | \$87 062                   | \$1,618                            | N/A                | N/A                                    |                               |
| DAFF   | Taiwan (Taipei)     | Leased (from DFAT)    | 9.5            | 1   | LES                | \$5279                     | \$555.68                           | N/A                | N/A                                    |                               |
| DAFF   | Japan (Tokyo)       | Leased (from DFAT)    | 74.9           | 5   | SES, EL2 & LES     | \$120 318                  | \$1,606.38                         | N/A                | N/A                                    |                               |
| DAFF   | USA (Washington)    | Leased (from DFAT)    | 36.1           | 3   | EI2 & LES          | \$23 252                   | \$527.47                           | N/A                | N/A                                    |                               |

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|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---|-----|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Cotton Research & D'pment Corp.       | Narrabri, NSW | Owned                 | 950   | 12  | APS3 to EL1        | N/A                        | N/A                                | \$690 000          | 2.5% pa                               | As an RDC we provide Research development and extension funding and administration.     |
| Grape & Wine Research & D'pment Corp. | Adelaide, SA  | Leased                | 92m2 plus a portion of the common areas equating to 135m2—total 227m2 | 10  |                    |                            | \$250                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Management and administration of GWRDC funded Research Development & Extension Projects |
| Fisheries Research & D'pment Corp.    | Deakin ACT    | Leased                | 325.5   | 13  |                    |                            | \$346                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Plan, fund and manage research, development and extension activities.                   |

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|---|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|------|---|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Sugar Research and D'pment Corp.                    | Brisbane QLD | Leased                | 360            | 10   |   |                            |                                    | N/A                | N/A                                   | Investment in research and development  |
| Rural Industries Research & D'pment Corporation     | Barton, ACT  | Leased                | 618.8          | 27.7 | Ranging from RIRDC Grade 4 to Managing Director | \$266 432                  | \$431                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Administrative  |
| Aust. Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority | ACT          | Leased                | 2951           | 177  | Range from APS2-SES2                            | \$1 057 130                | \$358.23                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Regulatory agency, office based work.   |
| Wine Aust. Corporation                              | Adelaide     | Leased                | 1069           | 31   |   | \$348 237                  | \$325.76                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | Administration and management of the Corporation, accounting, IT support, compliance. |



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|---|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
|   | Sydney              | Leased                | 16             | 5   |                    |                            | \$44.00                            | N/A                | N/A                                   | Promotion of Australian wine, representation of the Australian Wine Industry  |
|   | UK (London)         | Leased                | 83.9           | 5   |                    | £29.77                     |                                    | N/A                | N/A                                   |   |
|   | Japan (Tokyo)       | Leased                | 22.02          | 2   |                    | ¥16 286                    |                                    | N/A                | N/A                                   |   |
|   | USA (Washington DC) | Leased                |                | 2   |                    | \$27 325 (US\$)            |                                    | N/A                | N/A                                   |   |
|   | Canada (Toronto)    | Leased                |                | 2   |                    | \$25 402 (Can\$)           |                                    | N/A                | N/A                                   |   |
|   | China (Shanghai)    | Leased                | 48             | 3   |                    |                            | 5748 renminbi                      | N/A                | N/A                                   |   |
| Australian Indonesia Partnership for Emerging Infectious Diseases (AIP-EID) | Indonesia (Jakarta) | Leased                |                |     |                    | \$70 000                   |                                    | N/A                | N/A                                   | AIP-EID is an AusAID-funded, DAFF-managed program to strengthen Indonesian animal health services. Office space only. |
| Australian Fisheries Mgmt   | ACT (Canberra)      | Leased                | 3535           | 136 | CEO to APS         | \$1 534 339                | \$400                              | N/A                | N/A                                   | Efficient management and sustainable use of   |
|   | NT (Darwin)         | Leased                | 819            | 6   | SES to APS         | \$386 065                  | \$484.45                           | N/A                | N/A                                   |   |

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|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Authority                          | Thursday Island, Torres Strait Islands | Owned                 | 269            | 32  | SES to APS         | N/A                        | N/A                                | \$207 555.21       | \$\$40 322.60                         | Comm. Fish resources. Work is primarily administrative.  |
| Grain Research D'pment Corporation | ACT (Barton)                           | Owned                 | 1,376          | 54  | SES to APS         | N/A                        | N/A                                | \$5 834 667        | \$195 600                             | Support effective competition by Australia grain growers in global grain markets, through enhanced profitability and sustainability. Primary business activity is the allocation and management of investment in grains R&D. |
|                                    | WA (Perth)                             | Leased                | 12             | 1   | Manager            | \$4000                     | \$336.13                           | N/A                | N/A                                   | GRDC administrative work.  |

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**Question:** 141

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Making the Public Service more efficient

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

Are electricity costs included in the efficiency dividend?

**Answer:**

The efficiency dividend reduces the total amount available for all appropriation funded expenses, which can include electricity.

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**Question:** 143

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Official hospitality

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. Did DAFF end up providing hospitality support for the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy 6th National Workshop, scheduled for 10 and 11 October 2012?
2. Where will this now appear in the budget?
3. How was this misclassification picked up?

**Answer:**

1. Yes.
2. All Australia Animal Welfare Strategy activities are funded from the Administered Appropriation of the same name under Output 1.10.
3. Following the event a full internal management review of the expenditure items determined that a portion of the expenditure (\$17 910) related to official hospitality and not business catering as previously reported.

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**Question:** 145

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** 2012-13 staffing changes QoN 130

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

QON 130 May 2012 highlighted 4 voluntary redundancies in the Information Services Division and 4 staff taken on for "new measures". Were the staff that took voluntary redundancies not able to be deployed to the "new measures"?

What was the net financial outcome of this change?

**Answer:**

The Information Services Division staff that took a voluntary redundancy possessed legacy information technology skills that were not suited to the skills required of the new measures.

The net financial outcome was the cost of the redundancies.

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**Question:** 146

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Electricity costs and provider

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. As electricity contracts were all in place prior to the Carbon Tax being introduced, what discussions have taken place with businesses that provide electricity to DAFF regarding any increase in costs?
2. Was the increase in cost of electricity from 2010-11 to 11-12 due to an increase in consumption, an increase in unit cost or an increase in pole and line costs?

**Answer:**

1. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has not held discussions with electricity providers.
2. DAFF does not capture this type of data in relation to electricity costs.

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**Question:** 147

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Program spending freeze

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

Provide details of all programs, divisions, agencies that have been subject to a spending freeze this financial year, including:

- Name of program, division, agency
- Program budget before freeze
- Program budget after freeze
- Date of freeze
- Date funds unfrozen
- Amount of funding involved in the freeze
- Any alteration to program timeframe as a consequence of the freeze

Any alteration in the dates of payment of funds to the program, division, agency as a consequence of the freeze.

**Answer:**

The portfolio has not been subject to a spending freeze this financial year.

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**Question:** 148

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** DAFF Cargo Consultative Committee

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. Is it correct that the Cost recovery guidelines advise that public good activities are not subject to cost recovery?
2. What sorts of activities are considered to be “public good”?
3. When would public relations activities be considered to be public good?
4. When would IT and computer systems be considered to be public good?
5. How are public good costs segregated from being cost recovered?
6. Please provide copies of accounts for individual programs within DAFF that have elements of cost recovery, indicating cost recovered funds, appropriated funds and how these funds are expended.

**Answer:**

1. No.
2. The guidelines provide that:  
“The assessment of whether a group of products has public good characteristics is not clear cut. Agencies need to judge, whether, on balance, the public good characteristics are significant enough to make it undesirable to charge for those products. Judgements about public goods typically consider two characteristics of the product: its level of rivalness and its level of excludability.” (Australian Government Cost Recovery Guidelines pg 32).
3. Where it is possible to exclude users from the activity.
4. Where the system is assessed as non-rivalrous and where it is possible to exclude users from the system.
5. The department maintains discrete budgets for its government funded and cost recovered functions. Costs associated with activities that are not considered suitable for cost recovery are allocated to the cost recovery budget but are met with appropriation funding.



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6. All the following tables are based on 2012-13 Budget.

**Table 1**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Live Animal Exports  |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$5,260,147 Cost Recovered   |
|                                   | \$384,107 Govt. Appropriation  |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds export inspection and certification services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of corporate overheads and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

**Table 2**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Post Entry Animal Quarantine-Non Horse   |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$7,579,955 Cost Recovered   |
|                                   | \$722,776 Govt. Appropriation  |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds relate to inspection, quarantine and certification services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation is anti-smuggling funding and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

**Table 3**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | International Mail  |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$8,209,573 Cost Recovered  |
|                                   | \$13,603,624 Govt. Appropriation  |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds are mail inspection services and treatments</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of inspection services and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

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**Table 4**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Post Entry Animal Quarantine - Horse   |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$1,969,155 Cost Recovered   |
|                                   | \$72,842 Govt. Appropriation   |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds relate to inspection, quarantine and certification services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets cost of corporate overheads and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

**Table 5**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Passengers  |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$2,419,545 Cost Recovered  |
|                                   | \$70,333,916 Govt. Appropriation  |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds relate to treatment of passenger goods and supervision of aircraft resprays</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of examinations and treatments and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

**Table 6**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Seaports   |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$18,699,474 Cost Recovered  |
|                                   | \$765,495 Govt. Appropriation  |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds relate to inspection and certification services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of undertaking activities relating to human health monitoring and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

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**Table 7**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Horticulture Exports  |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$7,612,082 Cost Recovered  |
|                                   | \$2,604,969 Govt. Appropriation   |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds export inspection and certification services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of Export Certification Reform Implementation Rebates and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

**Table 8**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Non-Prescribed Goods Exports  |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$2,323,728 Cost Recovered  |
|                                   | \$240,763 Govt. Appropriation   |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds export inspection and certification services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of Export Certification Reform Implementation Rebates and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

**Table 9**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Meat Exports  |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$57,577,132 Cost Recovered   |
|                                   | \$10,700,181 Govt. Appropriation  |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds export inspection and certification services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of Export Certification Reform Implementation rebates and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

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**Table 10**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Organics Exports   |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$52,500 Recovered   |
|                                   | \$4,818 Govt. Appropriation  |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds export inspection and certification services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of corporate overheads and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

**Table 11**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Grains and Seeds Exports  |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$13,653,624 Cost Recovered   |
|                                   | \$798,681 Govt. Appropriation   |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds export inspection and certification services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of Export Certification Reform Implementation Rebates and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

**Table 12**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Levies Revenue Services  |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$5,859,651 Cost Recovered   |
|                                   | \$11,574 Govt. Appropriation   |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds relate to the delivery of Levies collection services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of corporate overheads and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

**Table 13**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Meat Quota   |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$478,191 Cost Recovered   |
|                                   | \$45,685 Govt. Appropriation   |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds are funded through the delivery of quota management services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of corporate overheads and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

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**Table 14**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Dairy Quota  |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$192,891 Cost Recovered   |
|                                   | \$6,549 Govt. Appropriation  |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds are funded through the delivery of quota management services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of corporate overheads and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

**Table 15**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Seafood and Egg Exports   |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$3,796,406 Cost Recovered  |
|                                   | \$257,855 Govt. Appropriation   |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds export inspection and certification services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of Export Certification Reform Implementation Rebates and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

**Table 16**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Cost Recovery Arrangement:</b> | Dairy Exports  |
| <b>Funding Arrangements:</b>      | \$2,155,752 Cost Recovered   |
|                                   | \$51,541 Govt. Appropriation   |
| <b>How funds are expended:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cost Recovery funds export inspection and certification services</li> <li>2. Govt Appropriation offsets costs of corporate overheads and funding for Government business activities</li> </ol> |

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**Question:** 149

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Budget

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

For the programs listed below (see Table 1 below) provide details of expenditure for year to date, and explanation of any significant or unexpected variations to the expenditure for YTD.

*Table 1:*

|      |   | Budget<br>2012–2013 (\$) |
|------|---|--------------------------|
| 1.1  | Climate Change Adaption   |                          |
|      | Carbon Farming Initiative   | 2,200,000                |
|      | Extending the benefits of the CFI   | 22,038,000               |
|      | Transitional Family farm payment  | 12,047,000               |
| 1.2  | Sustainable management- Natural Resources                                     |                          |
|      | Caring for our Country LandCare   | 41,986,000               |
| 1.3  | Forestry Industry   |                          |
| 1.4  | Fishing Industry  |                          |
|      | Fisheries Resources research fund   | 2,114,000                |
| 1.5  | Horticulture Industry   |                          |
| 1.6  | Wool Industry   |                          |
| 1.7  | Grains Industry   |                          |
| 1.8  | Dairy Industry  |                          |
| 1.9  | Meat and livestock Industry   |                          |
| 1.10 | Agricultural Resources  |                          |
|      | Agricultural and veterinary Chemicals Minor use Program                       | 140,000                  |
|      | Australian Animal Welfare Strategy  | 1,012,000                |
|      | Live Animal Exports Business assistance for improved supply chain Development | 4,839,000                |
|      | Wine Australia Industry   | 1,050,000                |
| 1.11 | Drought Program   |                          |
| 1.12 | Rural Programs  |                          |
|      | Live Exports Business Assistance  | 3,689,000                |
|      | Rural Financial Counselling Service   | 13,601,000               |
| 1.13 | International Market Access   |                          |
|      | AAA International Agricultural Cooperation                                    | 376,000                  |
|      | UNFAO Food and Ag organisation of UN  | 12,531,000               |
|      | International Organisations Contributions                                     | 1,736,000                |

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|     |   |             |
|-----|---|-------------|
| 2.1 | Quarantine and Export Services  |             |
|     | Biosecurity Risk Analysis Centre of Excellence  | 1,756,000   |
| 2.2 | Plant and Animal Health   |             |
|     | Animal & Biosecurity response reform  | 1,230,000   |
|     | Animal Health Australia Commission Contribution   | 1,292,000   |
|     | World Organisation for Animal health (Contribution)                                       | 237,000     |
|     | Other exotic disease preparedness program   | 591,000     |
|     | Payment to CSIRO - Contribution to operating costs of Australian Animal Health Laboratory | 7,545,000   |
|     | Plant Biosecurity Response Reform   | 2,410,000   |
|     | Total   | 134,420,000 |

**Answer:**

The next published portfolio expenditure forecasts will be published in the Portfolio Budget Statements (May 2013). Actual expenditure is published in the department's Annual Report, to be next published in October 2013.

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**Question:** 151

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Airline Lounge Memberships

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. What is the total year to date cost of airline lounge memberships for DAFF employees?
2. How is the cost of airline lounge membership recovered if employees cease employment by DAFF during the period of lounge membership?
3. Provided details of any situations where this has occurred, including number of instances and any cost unable to be recovered.

**Answer:**

1. The total year to date (1 July to 30 September 2012) cost of airline lounge memberships for departmental employees is \$18 354 (GST inc.).
2. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry does not seek to recover the cost of airline lounge membership from departmental officers that cease employment with the department during the membership period.
3. Refer the answer provided to Question 2.



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**Question:** 152

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Travel Non-Compliance

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

QON 148 requested information regarding enforcement of travel policies. The response was:

"The travel booking company and their online booking tool provides booking options that comply with the policies and reporting any non-compliance is available"

"In addition, approval or review of travel costs and expenditure in DAFF's finance systems provides a further opportunity for managers to detect non-compliance."

1. How many times this financial year has the travel booking company reported non-compliances?
2. What is the frequency for managers to check travel costs and how often this financial year have they reported non-compliances?
3. Provide details of any non-compliances found this financial year and the actions taken to redress these non-compliances.

**Answer:**

1. The travel booking company has not reported any instances of non-compliance this financial year.
2. Managers review their travel costs monthly. No non-compliances have been reported by managers this financial year.
3. There have not been any reported non-compliances this financial year.

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**Question:** 153

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Travel

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

QON 148 also requested details of travel for departmental officers. The response was:

"To provide the information requested by individual trip would take a considerable amount of time and result in an answer that would be hundreds of pages long. That approach is not considered to be an appropriate allocation of resources."

Is this information maintained in a database or manually?

**Answer:**

The information is maintained in a database.

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**Question:** 154

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Taxi Spend

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

QON 156 revealed that to 30 April 2012 over \$935K was spent on taxis, with \$690K being spent by the biosecurity business group.

Why is the taxi spend by Biosecurity so high?

How is this expenditure made up?

Was any of this expenditure cost recovered? If so, how much?

What alternatives have been considered to using taxis?

What is the taxi spend for year to date?

**Answer:**

The taxi costs identified are a reflection of Biosecurity's role and presence across the country and across cities and regions. Biosecurity operations require officers to be present at dispersed locations and travel expenditure is incurred as a result.

The expenditure is made up of trips to and from airports, accommodation, meetings, conferences and other work related activities.

Yes. Due to the large volume of transactions the analysis required to accurately identify the cost recovered sum would take a considerable amount of time and effort. Such an analysis is not considered to be an appropriate allocation of resources.

Alternatives to using taxis vary depending on the options available at the particular location and the time of day or night. Alternatives to the use of taxis include leased vehicles, public transport, and walking. Departmental officers use the mode of transport that represents the most efficient and effective value for money outcome for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, while taking reasonable account as to the health and safety of the officer.

\$0.24 million (GST inc.) for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012.

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**Question:** 155

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Budget Savings

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

Provide specific information regarding cost savings achieved by using virtual meetings instead of face to face meetings?

What is the cost saving achieved by using virtual meetings for non appropriated activities? How is this cost saving passed back to industry?

If virtual meetings are not being used in cost recovered activities, why not? Are there circumstances when this technology could be used rather than face to face meetings?

**Answer:**

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry undertakes a case by case assessment of the use of virtual meetings in place of face to face meetings. This is applied to both appropriated and non appropriated activities.

We do not collect information that tracks specific savings from the use of virtual meetings verses face to face meetings.

Any cost savings achieved by using virtual meetings for non appropriated activities are directly passed on and reflected in the year to date industry reserve's balance.

An example of where virtual meetings are being utilised to reduce costs to industry is in the monthly senior management meetings held within the Northern Region. Regions such as Northern and South West Regions have offices and senior staff in Darwin/Cairns and Perth/Adelaide respectively. Regional leadership meetings are held in all Regions on a monthly basis to discuss governance issues such as key priorities, financial and human resource management, business planning and upcoming training priorities. For those regions that only have the one major centre, these meetings are held face to face, however for the Northern and South West Regions video conferencing is used to reduce the costs associated with travel. While face to face meetings tend to be more effective, we try to limit these to once a quarter and hold the balance via video conference.

The approximate cost for video conference is \$27.00 per hr. Therefore a 6hr video conference is approximately \$162.00. In comparison, the costs incurred if the Regional Leadership Meeting is in Cairns (for four staff) totals approximately \$4400. The costs incurred if the Regional Leadership Meeting is in Darwin (for four staff) totals approximately \$5800.

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**Question:** 156

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic: Employment and Workplace Relations Advice**

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

QON 149 identified that, to 30 April 2012, \$607 K, or 25%, of spend with the Australian Government Solicitor was for employment and workplace relations advice.

Has there been any benchmarking done to compare this figure with other departments and with industry?

If so, provide details.

If not, why not?

Provide updated information on the total expenditure with the Australian Government Solicitor and the expenditure with the Australian Government Solicitor on employment and workplace relations advice to EOFY 2011-12, and for each financial year since 2007-08 financial year.

**Answer:**

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has not benchmarked this figure against other departments or industry. DAFF procures legal services on an as required basis in a manner consistent with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, ensuring that the department achieves value for money outcomes.

The table below provides updated information on total expenditure and expenditure on employment and workplace relations advice with the Australian Government Solicitor for financial years 2007–08 to 2011–12 inclusive:

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| <b>Financial year</b> | <b>Total expenditure (GST exclusive) with the Australian Government Solicitor on employment and workplace relations advice</b> | <b>Total expenditure (GST exclusive) with the Australian Government Solicitor</b> |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| 2007-08               | \$4459.00  | \$656 641.96  |
| 2008-09               | NIL  | \$467 748.95  |
| 2009-10               | \$5554.00  | \$399 899.20  |
| 2010-11               | \$69 729.00  | \$664 302.71  |
| 2011-12               | \$640 734.12   | \$2 554 526.23  |

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**Question:** 162

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Training Budget

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**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. Has there ever been an agency wide policy regarding calculation of the training budget?
2. For each division, provide details of the:
  - Training budget as a percentage of each division's total payroll budget
  - Staffing numbers
  - Total payroll budget

for the last five financial years.

**Answer:**

1. No.
2. Details for each division are provided in the following tables.

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Training budget as a percentage of each division's total payroll budget:

| <b>Division</b>   | <b>2008-09</b> | <b>2009-10</b> | <b>2010-11</b> | <b>2011-12</b> | <b>2012-13</b> |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| ABARES <sup>1</sup>                                     | 2.30%          | 1.75%          | 2.73%          | 2.26%          | 3.52%          |
| Biosecurity Animal                                      | 0.86%          | 0.87%          | 1.32%          | 0.86%          | 1.61%          |
| Biosecurity Plant                                       | 1.47%          | 0.78%          | 1.57%          | 1.00%          | 1.06%          |
| Biosecurity Food  | 0.50%          | 0.38%          | 0.51%          | 0.99%          | 0.74%          |
| Biosecurity Policy                                      | 1.38%          | 1.98%          | 1.39%          | 2.13%          | 1.86%          |
| Border Compliance                                       | 0.95%          | 0.84%          | 1.51%          | 0.84%          | 1.51%          |
| Biosecurity Regional and Business Services <sup>3</sup> | 2.43%          | 2.13%          | 2.65%          |                |                |
| Agricultural Productivity                               | 1.70%          | 1.24%          | 0.74%          | 0.91%          | 1.01%          |
| Climate Change  | 2.00%          | 1.54%          | 1.27%          | 1.12%          | 1.13%          |
| Sustainable Resource Management                         | 3.24%          | 1.28%          | 1.22%          | 1.00%          | 1.23%          |
| Trade and Market Access                                 | 1.00%          | 1.24%          | 2.19%          | 2.87%          | 1.75%          |
| Finance and Business Support <sup>3</sup>               |                |                |                | 1.87%          | 0.43%          |
| Information Services <sup>3</sup>                       |                |                |                | 1.35%          | 3.93%          |
| Governance <sup>3</sup>                                 |                |                |                | 2.76%          | 2.32%          |
| People and Service Delivery <sup>3</sup>                |                |                |                | 7.39%          | 7.83%          |
| Executive and Other                                     | 1.15%          | 4.00%          | 7.19%          | 0.21%          | 0.00%          |
| Corporate Finance <sup>3</sup>                          | 1.51%          | 0.76%          | 1.00%          |                |                |
| Corporate Services <sup>3</sup>                         | 5.07%          | 8.39%          | 4.88%          |                |                |
| Corporate Policy <sup>3</sup>                           | 1.44%          | 2.37%          | 2.66%          |                |                |

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Nb. People and Service Delivery training budget includes the graduate and traineeship program budgets and corporate programs budget.



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Staffing numbers:

| <b>Division</b>  | <b>2008-09</b> | <b>2009-10</b> | <b>2010-11</b> | <b>2011-12</b> | <b>2012-13</b> |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| ABARES <sup>1</sup>  | 306            | 214            | 240            | 200            | 200            |
| Biosecurity Animal   |                |                | 231            | 253            | 261            |
| Biosecurity Plant  |                |                | 299            | 293            | 286            |
| Biosecurity Food   |                |                | 586            | 487            | 433            |
| Biosecurity Policy   |                |                | 66             | 80             | 73             |
| Border Compliance  |                |                | 2030           | 2 084          | 2039           |
| Biosecurity Regional and Business Services <sup>3</sup>          |                |                | 210            |                |                |
| Biosecurity Services Group <sup>2</sup>                          |                | 3352           |                |                |                |
| Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) <sup>2</sup> | 3137           |                |                |                |                |
| Agricultural Productivity  | 92             | 118            | 115            | 115            | 106            |
| Climate Change   | 101            | 102            | 90             | 90             | 94             |
| Sustainable Resource Management                                  | 146            | 143            | 136            | 121            | 109            |
| Trade and Market Access  | 94             | 76             | 71             | 69             | 67             |
| Finance and Business Support <sup>3</sup>                        |                |                |                | 195            | 195            |
| Information Services <sup>3</sup>                                |                |                |                | 105            | 119            |
| Governance <sup>3</sup>  |                |                |                | 154            | 183            |
| People and Service Delivery <sup>3</sup>                         |                |                |                | 288            | 262            |
| Corporate Finance <sup>3</sup>                                   |                | 83             | 122            |                |                |
| Corporate Services <sup>3</sup>                                  |                | 272            | 253            |                |                |
| Corporate Policy <sup>3</sup>                                    | 107            | 105            | 119            |                |                |
| Management Services (MS) <sup>2</sup>                            | 326            |                |                |                |                |
| Product Integrity, Animal and Plant Health (PIAPH) <sup>2</sup>  | 172            |                |                |                |                |
| Executive and Other <sup>4</sup>                                 |                |                | 14             | 12             | 8              |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>4481</b>    | <b>4465</b>    | <b>4582</b>    | <b>4546</b>    | <b>4435</b>    |

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Total payroll budget:

| <b>Division</b>   | <b>2008-09</b>     | <b>2009-10</b>     | <b>2010-11</b>     | <b>2011-12</b>     | <b>2012-13</b>     |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ABARES <sup>1</sup>   | 23 582 916         | 20 190 796         | 19 343 314         | 18 102 250         | 18 083 994         |
| Biosecurity Animal  | 16 447 912         | 17 458 277         | 19 597 087         | 21 704 795         | 25 840 487         |
| Biosecurity Plant   | 17 903 202         | 19 247 858         | 22 825 642         | 23 802 808         | 26 965 276         |
| Biosecurity Food  | 45 447 206         | 51 106 444         | 48 121 560         | 41 905 459         | 38 180 032         |
| Biosecurity Policy  | 2 736 003          | 3 922 356          | 6 187 093          | 6 597 102          | 8 635 416          |
| Border Compliance   | 113 757 012        | 115 637 202        | 129 510 308        | 134 031 440        | 148 776 895        |
| Biosecurity Regional<br>and Business Services<br><sup>3</sup> | 19 392 545         | 14 454 087         | 15 456 331         |                    |                    |
| Agricultural<br>Productivity                                  | 6 715 220          | 9 036 451          | 8 847 315          | 10 456 172         | 9 923 739          |
| Climate Change  | 7 657 930          | 7 567 930          | 7 064 073          | 7 825 551          | 8 708 537          |
| Sustainable Resource<br>Management                            | 10 424 414         | 10 579 155         | 10 578 478         | 10 681 733         | 8 917 616          |
| Trade and Market<br>Access                                    | 9 748 171          | 8 229 254          | 7 529 544          | 7 918 300          | 8 286 701          |
| Finance and Business<br>Support <sup>3</sup>                  |                    |                    |                    | 13 434 364         | 16 199 922         |
| Information Services <sup>3</sup>                             |                    |                    |                    | 9 197 585          | 11 075 307         |
| Governance <sup>3</sup>                                       |                    |                    |                    | 12 515 100         | 12 544 501         |
| People and Service<br>Delivery <sup>3</sup>                   |                    |                    |                    | 21 215 492         | 21 275 918         |
| Executive and Other   | 1 514 327          | 1 487 039          | 2 107 648          | 2 532 099          | 1 594 692          |
| Corporate Finance <sup>3</sup>                                | 3 890 274          | 8 579 605          | 8 888 473          |                    |                    |
| Corporate Services <sup>3</sup>                               | 16 651 038         | 15 662 185         | 18 859 086         |                    |                    |
| Corporate Policy <sup>3</sup>                                 | 8 385 921          | 8 285 310          | 9 372 688          |                    |                    |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>304 254 091</b> | <b>311 443 949</b> | <b>334 288 640</b> | <b>341 920 250</b> | <b>365 009 033</b> |

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**Note**

The tables represent figures for each year based upon the departmental structure at the time:

1. Prior to 1 July 2010, ABARES consisted of 2 separate entities:
  - a. Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics
  - b. Bureau of Rural Science.
2. On 1 July 2009, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) implemented a new organisational structure. At this time, AQIS, PIAPH and Biosecurity Australia were combined into the Biosecurity Services Group (BSG) and Management Services Division was split into 2 corporate divisions: Corporate Services Division and Corporate Finance Division. BSG was later split into 6 divisions.
3. On 1 November 2011, DAFF further realigned its corporate structure in response to the government's decisions on Biosecurity reform: the 3 corporate divisions and Biosecurity Regional and Business Services were realigned to match the department's core activities.
4. Prior to 1 July 2010, ASL for departmental executives were included as figures for Management Services / Corporate Services.

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**Question: 175**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division  
**Topic:** AQIS / DAFF Biosecurity / Border compliance IER  
**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

Provide details of the income and expenditure from the EIR over the last 5 financial years.

Provide copies of documentation that support industry's approval of this expenditure.

Provide details of the percentage the IER is of the program budget for the last 5 financial years.

**Answer:**

The Industry Equalisation Reserve (IER) is the accumulated difference between cost recovered revenue and expenditure. It supports a stable pricing regime over a period of three to five years and reduces financial and operational risk that may result from volume volatility. The IER does not have a revenue or expenditure stream of its own.

Information on revenue and expenditure is provided to industry consultative committees, but they are not decision making bodies.

Please also refer to the response to Question on Notice 164 (Border Compliance) from the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing in October 2012.

The details of the Import Clearance program revenue, draw-down IER over the last five financial years are:

| Financial Year | Total Revenue<br>\$'000's | Total Expenditure<br>\$'000 | Net<br>\$'000 | Industry Reserve<br>\$,000 | % of<br>Expenditure |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 2007/2008      | 114.100                   | 114.300                     | (0.200)       | 7.252                      | 6.3%                |
| 2008/2009      | 109.475                   | 126.517                     | (17.042)      | (9.808)                    | -7.8%               |
| 2009/2010      | 151.976                   | 125.366                     | 26.610        | 16.802*                    | 13.4%               |
| 2010/2011      | 161.500                   | 144.473                     | 17.027        | 33.802*                    | 23.4%               |
| 2011/2012      | 164.754                   | 167.108                     | (2.354)       | 14.286                     | 8.5%                |

\* IER was not adjusted for the capital component of BICON related expenditure during this year. An adjustment was made to the IER during the 2011/2012 financial year to correct this.

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**Question:** 176

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** BICON

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

Provide evidence of industry being consulted and supportive of the ~\$18 million being used from the IER to the BICON project.

**Answer:**

Refer to attached correspondence.



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Dear Mr. Chapman 

We acknowledge your letter of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2011 to all AICCC industry members regarding industry representation on the ICON Redevelopment Project Board (IRPB).

Your letter notes that the current representative, Mr. Hart Krtschil, held the position pursuant to his role as the Secretariat of the AICCC but that that position would no longer exist when the AICCC Secretariat contract ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011. Accordingly, the Department was seeking a nomination for industry representative on the IRPB.

Following a consultative process and consideration the industry AICCC members who form the Industry Working Group on Quarantine (IWGQ) Ltd, nominate Mr Krtschil for the position of industry representative on the IRPB.

The statement in your letter " *in your consideration, please note that the IRPB is unable to provide funding to support industry representation on the board.* " is noted. However it is the industry view that travel expenses and other related costs to attend IRPB and other BICON meetings should be met by the project.

As can be perceived the "year of delivery", it is assumed, will require the industry member be part of the roll out process as well as attend IRPB meetings.

As industry is already funding 75 per cent of the project expenses (an amount in excess of \$30million) it is assumed that these costs which are related to the project would form part of that expense.

  
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Given the magnitude, longevity and high priority of this project, it would be prudent that appropriate budgeting for the duration of the project would occur.

Accordingly, the IWGQ believe it is appropriate for the IRPB to consider the question of funding the travel expenses of the industry representative at its next meeting and we request that issue be brought to the attention of the IRPB

The IWGQ are committed to the success of BICON and look forward to the further valueable contribution by industry through Mr Krtschil assisting in meeting the project objectives.

Yours sincerely,



Geoff Clark  
Chairperson

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Ms. Lynne O'Brien – First Assistant Secretary –People and Service Delivery

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**Question:** 179

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Quarantine Station

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator COLBECK asked:**

1. Who will pay the costs of transporting plants and animals from the facility in Melbourne to destinations whether they be Perth, Darwin, Townsville etc.
2. What options were industries offered in developing a single site proposal?
3. Were they given choice of state or were they simply asked if they wanted to be part of the site in Victoria?
4. Most importers of bees are north of Sydney. Will these businesses be assisted with meeting any additional costs involved with the quarantine facility being in Victoria?
5. Have any bee importers offered alternate options to DAFF Biosecurity, including providing land?
6. Will the facility in Victoria be used by the bee industry or will it be too expensive for them to use because of the location?

**Answer:**

1. The Australian Government has committed over \$400 million in Budget funding to support the acquisition of a site and the construction of new facilities. Reflecting longstanding practice commercial costs of individual consignments, including the costs of transportation after release from quarantine will remain a matter for importers.
2. The department was forced into canvassing new Post Entry Quarantine arrangements due to a previous decisions to sell the five existing PEQ facilities only to lease them back. Unfortunately, satisfactory lease renewal arrangements at most of the facilities are not available. The decision to consolidate DAFF post entry quarantine operations at a single location was the subject of consultation during the required 2 pass business case process.
3. The 2 pass business case process settled on Victoria as the preferred location. In excess of 25 potential sites for the future facility were considered before settling on a shortlist of sites within Victoria.

Victoria was found to have a greater selection of land available within close proximity to International Airports at a lower cost, with less likelihood of urban encroachment over the life of the station. Additionally, Victoria is in a climatic zone conducive to the growth of the majority of plant species subject to quarantine and less prone to vectors of plant and animal disease.



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4. No.

5. Yes.

6. This is a matter for industry.

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**Question:** 234

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support

**Topic:** 2012–13 Budget Appropriation

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator Heffernan asked:**

1. To date, how much of the 2012-13 budget appropriations has DAFF received?
2. For 2012-13 please list each grant program DAFF administers, and the total funding of each program.
3. Please list each grant program that has not been paused as part of the Government wide grants pause.
4. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has not been paused?
5. Please list each grant program that has currently been "paused" as part of the Government wide grants pause.
6. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has been paused, and the total value of all grants paused?
7. On what date did DAFF receive advice from the government to pause certain grants programs?
8. How was the instruction received, and from whom was it received?
9. Please list the dates the Minister for Finance met with DAFF senior department officials to discuss the grants pause and the DAFF Minister met with senior department officials
10. From what date was DAFF told to implement the grants pause?
11. When did it do so?
12. Has DAFF been provided with information regarding when the grants pause would end?
13. If so, what was the date?
14. Was DAFF advised if it could communicate when the grants pause would end to grant applicants?
15. Please provide the advice DAFF gave to Department of Finance regarding which programs should be included in the grants pause.
16. Did DAFF receive advice/instruction from the Department of Finance regarding how best to communicate the grants pause to grant applicants, the media and other external stakeholders?
17. What information has been provided to grant applicants regarding the grants pause?  
Please provide scripts if these have been given to call centres, or any other information sheets which have been used internally for discussing the grants pause with applicants.
18. Has DAFF been advised by the Department of Finance of further grants pauses in the future? If so
19. When did DAFF receive notification of future grants pauses?
20. What is the date of future grants to be paused
21. Which grants programs will be paused?
22. What is total value of pauses in future grants programs?
23. When will notification of these future grants pauses be made public?

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24. How many staff are employed to administer grant programs within DAFF?
25. During the Grants Pause what activities are these staff involved with?
26. Have staff been moved to other divisions during the grants pause?
27. During the Grants Pause are decisions on grants being made, but applicants not being alerted?

**Answer:**

1. Appropriation information is reported in the 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statements of individual agencies. Appropriation information will be updated in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements.
2. Information on grants awarded by individual agencies (including grant programs) is published on agencies' websites. Guidelines and information on rounds of grant programs are also generally published on agencies' websites. Information on agency funding including grants can be found in the 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statements.
3. On 27 August 2012, the Government decided to pause all grant rounds for 2012-13 which were not advertised, and advertised rounds which were not finalised. Information on grant programs, in general, can be found on agencies' websites.

Information on the outcome of the grants pause is reported in the 2012-13 MYEFO, and in the Finance Minister's media release of 22 October 2012.

4. Please refer to the response to question 3.
5. Please refer to the response to question 3
6. Please refer to response to question 3.
- 7-8. Cabinet in Confidence.
9. The Minister for Finance did not meet with DAFF senior departmental officials to discuss the grant pause. Minister Ludwig's office communicated with senior officials of the department.
10. Cabinet In Confidence.
11. The grant pause was implemented as per the decision of the Government.
- 12-13. The outcome of the Government's decision was reported in the 2012-13 MYEFO and the Finance Minister's media release of 22 October 2012.

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14. Please see responses to questions 12-13.

15. This information informed the briefing to the Cabinet's Expenditure Review Committee and therefore is not publicly available.

16. WOG TPs were developed by Finance

Refer to Attachment A of the answers to questions F36 and F38.

17. No specific information was provided to prospective grantees.

In relation to grants from the Centre of Excellence for Biosecurity Risk Analysis (CEBRA) program, it was advised that successful applicants would be announced by 21 September. As a result of the grants pause, this program then announced the following via email and the DAFF website on 21 September:

*“Further to information provided on 23 August 2012, notification of an outcome for the Centre for Excellence in Biosecurity Risk Analysis Grant Program will not be provided today, but is expected to be announced soon”.*

18. No

19. N/A

20. N/A

21. N/A

22. N/A

23. N/A

24. There are approximately 82 FTEs employed to administer grant programs within the department.

25. During the grants pause, staff continued administration associated with already contracted grants that were not affected by the pause.

26. Staff were not relocated to other areas of the Department during the pause.

27. No decisions were made in relation to grants during the grant pause.

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**Question: 279**

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic: Communications branch staff cuts**

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator MACDONALD asked:**

Question On Notice 5 (Budget estimates May 2012)

Proof Hansard page 12 (21.05.2012):

In answer to questions regarding staffing levels in the communication branch, the department has advised that staff reductions have resulted in the removal of 11 full-time equivalent positions.

1. How many staff positions were cut from the department in 2011/12?
2. How many staff positions are expected to be cut from the department in 2012/13?

**Answer:**

1 & 2. There were no forced redundancies from the department in either 2011/2012 or 2012–2013. The portfolio budget is managed on a year by year basis and affects all aspects of the portfolio, including staffing levels.

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**Question:** 285

**Division/Agency:** Finance and Business Support Division

**Topic:** Carbon Tax

**Proof Hansard page:** Written

**Senator MCKENZIE asked:**

1. For the financial year 2011-2012, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department consume?
2. What was the total cost?
3. What does this cost work out to per employee?
4. What increases in electricity costs has the Department experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax?
5. How has this changed the Department's spending pattern? What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs?
6. What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? When did these commence? What impact have they had?

**Answer:**

1. For the financial year 2011-2012, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) consumed 13 107 779 kilowatt hours of electricity.
2. DAFF's electricity supply expense for 2011-12 was \$2 186 263 (excluding GST).
3. As at 30 June 2012 DAFF had 5 241 (headcount) employees (reported in the 2011-12 Annual Report). For the financial year 2011-12 the cost of electricity per employee (headcount) was \$417.15 (excluding GST).
4. Electricity costs are managed under contract. These contracts have not changed since the introduction of the clean energy future package – including the price on carbon.
5. DAFF has not changed its spending patterns. No programs or services have been cut to meet increased electricity costs.
6. Measures that the department has taken to reduce consumption of electricity are outlined at p247 of the Annual Report.